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2023 National Philanthropy Day Colorado Honorees Announced

12 remarkable winners from across the state will be recognized at luncheon on Nov. 9 for their commitment to volunteerism, philanthropy and community service.

DENVER (Sept. 5, 2023) —The Association of Fundraising Professionals Colorado Chapter (AFP Colorado) is proud to announce the winners of the 2023 National Philanthropy Day Colorado awards. The 2023 Honorees are:

Outstanding Large Business: Molson Coors, Golden

Outstanding Small Business: Urban Ventures, LLC, Denver

Outstanding Foundation: The Weld Trust, Greeley

Outstanding Philanthropists: Carol and George Solich, Denver

Outstanding Professional Fundraiser: Jennifer Lackey, Denver

Outstanding Professional Grantmaker: Abel Wurmnest, Denver

Outstanding Volunteer: Paula Edwards, Fort Collins

Outstanding Service Organization: The Colorado Elks Association, Berthoud

Outstanding Youth: Bryce Hunter, Centennial

Outstanding Youth Group: Women of East, Denver

Lifetime Achievement: J. Robert “Bob” Young, Carbondale

Inspiration: Community Shares of Colorado, Denver

The steering committee focused on gathering nominations from communities across Colorado, and from organizations and individuals representing diverse experiences, perspectives, opinions and cultures within philanthropy. Judges reviewed 48 nominations and selected these 12 winners for their commitment to philanthropy and volunteerism and positive impact on their community.

"National Philanthropy Day in Colorado is a living testament to the power of philanthropy and the impact that acts of giving and service can create," said Gerry Rasel, Chair of the 2023 National Philanthropy Day Colorado Steering Committee. "These 12 honorees exemplify the heart of Colorado through their commitment to and compassion for our communities."

The 2023 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado luncheon presented by Morgridge Family Foundation will be held at the Seawell Ballroom at the Denver Performing Arts Complex on Nov. 9, 2023. Tickets and Sponsorships are available now at bit.ly/2023NPD

The Outstanding Youth and Outstanding Youth Group winners will each receive \$3,000 scholarships to support their continuing education and philanthropic work. The scholarships are provided through the generous support of Boettcher Foundation.

Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Colorado Chapter is the host of National Philanthropy Day in Colorado.

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About National Philanthropy Day

National Philanthropy Day is both an official day and a grassroots movement. Every year, since 1986 when President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed November 15th as National Philanthropy Day, communities across the globe have celebrated by hosting events to recognize activities of donors, volunteers, foundations, leaders, corporations, and others engaged in philanthropy.

About the Association of Fundraising (AFP) Professionals Colorado Chapter

AFP Colorado Chapter is a membership organization committed to advancing philanthropy. AFP offers resources and to help fundraising professionals be the best they can be and brings fundraisers together to network and grow professionally.