



National Philanthropy Day®

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2020 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado Honorees Announced

DENVER — National Philanthropy Day in Colorado is a celebration of philanthropy — giving, volunteering and charitable engagement. The day highlights the contributions that philanthropy, and people involved in giving and volunteering, make to our society and our world. Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Colorado Chapter is the host for National Philanthropy Day in Colorado.

AFP Colorado is proud to announce the two youth award winners and 33 individuals, organizations, and businesses who are being honored at the 2020 Virtual National Philanthropy Day in Colorado. Each of the honorees is a change maker uniquely contributing to communities across Colorado.

On November 13th, the 2020 Virtual National Philanthropy Day in Colorado will broadcast live from the Seawell Grand Ballroom in the Denver Performing Arts Complex at 11:30 am to gather guests who will:

- **LEARN** how individuals, organizations and businesses across Colorado are creating a kinder, more sustainable and just world
- **CONNECT** with other change makers who care about philanthropy and our vibrant nonprofit sector

- **CELEBRATE** two youth award winners and 33 honorees and the difference philanthropy makes

2020 Youth Awardees:

Outstanding Youth

Melanie Zhou, Highlands Ranch

Outstanding Youth Group

Smoky Hill Student Government, Aurora

The “Outstanding Youth” and “Outstanding Youth Group” winners will receive \$3,000 scholarships for continuing education. The scholarships are provided through a grant from the Daniels Fund.

2020 Honorees:

Adelante Network, Arvada

Pam Jiner, Denver (Montbello)

arc Thrift Stores & Denver7, Denver Metro

Lawrence Kenyon, Denver Metro

Ardent Mills LLC, Commerce City

Megan Ledin, Fraser

Sara Bachman, Telluride

Mark and Ranae Lichtwardt, Denver Metro

Bags of Fun, Centennial

Lockheed Martin, Littleton

Bank of America, Denver

Lockton Mountain West Series, Denver

Jack Bartsch, Loveland

Lumen (FKA CenturyLink), Denver

BPX Energy, Denver

Paul Moore and Sue Dority, Estes Park

Sandrah Burrier, Pueblo

Power to Act, Bayfield

Jerry Conover, Denver Metro

Lisa Rawson, Woodland Park

Empower Retirement, Greenwood Village

The Riber Company, Inc., Durango

Mikaela Fischer, Parker

Rotary District 5450, Colorado Statewide

Cindy Grubenhoff, Denver Metro

Syntrinsic Investment Counsel, Denver

I love U guys Foundation, Conifer

(Elyria, Cole and Clayton)

Illuminate Colorado, Denver

The Village Toy Drive, Cherry Hills Village

Mike Imhof, Vail

WeldWerks Brewing Co., Greeley

Annett James, Boulder

Western Union Foundation, Centennial

Honorees represent communities in 14 different counties, rural and urban, big cities and small towns from Durango to Telluride to Estes Park to Fraser to Pueblo to Woodland Park to Greeley and everywhere in between. Bayfield, Colorado is the smallest community represented with a population of 2,333 according to the last Census, and Telluride is the highest altitude community with an elevation of 8,750 feet.

At National Philanthropy Day Colorado, we believe that everyone can be part of philanthropy. Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Rose Community Foundation and the support of all our generous sponsors, there is no cost to attend the 2020 Virtual National Philanthropy Day. For more information about the 2020 Virtual National Philanthropy Day in Colorado, visit afpcc.org.

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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. They offer resources and create opportunities to help fundraising professionals be the best they can be. AFP brings fundraisers together to network, grow professionally and advance our field.