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Special Olympics Colorado's Hall of Fame Class of 2011 to be Honored Tuesday at Grand Hyatt Downtown

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. -- Special Olympics Colorado will honor its 2011 Hall of Fame inductees Tuesday (tomorrow) at the Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown. The breakfast event, which will include more than 700 local corporate leaders, influential members of the community, Special Olympics Colorado athletes and family members, kicks off at 7:15 a.m.

The 2011 Special Olympics Hall of Fame Breakfast is presented by Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman PC. Event sponsors include Bluegrass Promotional Marketing, the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado, the Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown, Knights of Columbus, Lockton, ROOT SPORTS and US Foodservice.

Keynote speaker for the Hall of Fame Breakfast, which will be hosted by Gregg Moss of 9NEWS, is Special Olympics Colorado long-time athlete Erin Holloway. Special guest speaker is Loretta Claiborne, one of the most recognized Special Olympics athletes in the world. Honorary chairs of the event are University of Colorado head men's basketball coach, Tad Boyle; head women's basketball coach, Linda Lappe; and associate athletics director Ceal Barry.

Special Olympics Colorado Hall of Fame Class of 2011:

- Male Athlete of the Year -- **Mike Smisek (Castle Rock)**
- Female Athlete of the Year -- **Kathleen English (Conifer)**
- Volunteer of the Year -- **Will Trujillo (Pueblo)**
- Project Unify School of the Year -- **Grandview High School (Aurora)**
- Corporate Partner of the Year -- **Comfort Dental**
- Media Partner of the Year -- **ROOT SPORTS**



Mike Smisek



Kathleen English



Will Trujillo

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Since 1969, Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO) has been strengthening families, athletes and the very soul of our community through sports training and athletic competitions. Special Olympics Colorado provides year-round training and sponsors over 80 competitions at the area and state level in 21 sports for more than 11,000 athletes statewide. With a base of more than 6,500 volunteers, thousands of hours are donated allowing SOCO to support athletes of all ages and abilities, empowering them to build athletic, learning and social skills. Participation with other athletes, non-disabled peers (Unified Sports® partners), coaches, sponsors and volunteers builds confidence and creates opportunities to participate as productive and respected members of society by increasing public awareness of the athletes' capabilities. There is no cost to participate in Special Olympics. For more information, visit www.specialolympicsco.org.

