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Special Olympics Colorado's Hall of Fame Class of 2010 to be Honored Thursday at Grand Hyatt Downtown

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. -- Special Olympics Colorado will honor its 2010 Hall of Fame inductees *THIS* Thursday, Oct. 14 at the Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown. The breakfast event, which will include more than 400 local corporate leaders, influential members of the community, Special Olympics Colorado athletes and family members, kicks off at 7:15 a.m.

The 2010 Special Olympics Hall of Fame Breakfast is presented by Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman PC. Event sponsors include Bluegrass Promotional Marketing, the Denver Post, FSN Rocky Mountain, the Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown, Knights of Columbus, Lockton and US Foodservice.

Keynote speaker for the Hall of Fame Breakfast, which will be hosted by FSN Rocky Mountain celebrity Drew Goodman, is Loretta Claiborne. One of the most recognized Special Olympics athletes in the world, Claiborne was the recipient of the ESPY's Arthur Ashe Award for Courage in 1996. Her life was recounted in Walt Disney's Production of The Loretta Claiborne Story.

Special Olympics Colorado Hall of Fame Class of 2010:

Male Athlete of the Year -- **TJ Trump (Durango)**

Female Athlete of the Year -- **Tammi Herd (Arvada)**

Volunteer of the Year -- **Rick "Worm" Charbonneau (Denver Post)**

Corporate Partner of the Year -- **Safeway**

Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) Partner of the Year -- **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers**

Media Partner of the Year -- **9NEWS**

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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 20 sports for nearly 10,000 athletes statewide. With a base of more than 6,000 volunteers, thousands of hours are donated allowing SOCO to support athletes of all ages and abilities, allowing 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.

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