

Easterseals Colorado Announces Recipients of the Jake Jabs Community Impact Award, an Honor in the Name of Local American Furniture Warehouse Legend

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Easterseals Colorado (ESC) is pleased to announce that on Saturday, November 9, 2024, it will honor Holland & Hart and Iron Pony Express with the *Jake Jabs Community Impact Award* at its Annual Gala, which will be held at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center. The award – named in honor of American Furniture Warehouse founder Jake Jabs-- recognizes individuals and organizations who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents, and dedication. The honorees have served as role models in demonstrating compassion, and service, and strive to change the way the world views and defines disability.

Partners Michael Carrigan and Arthur Hundhausen will accept the award on behalf of Holland & Hart. The firm's founders instilled the value that lawyers have a special obligation to give their skills, time, and talents to local communities and organizations through pro bono and public service activities. Michael and Arthur embody this commitment to give back by dedicating time working with ECS leaders and providing free legal services (worth tens of thousands of dollars) to support ESC's mission. Michael and Arthur have advised ESC on a wide range of issues including governance, contracts, transactions, non-profit compliance and employment practices.

Accepting the Award on behalf of Iron Pony Express will be the officers of its membership: Rikk Nichol, Amanda Hardin, Brian Howell, Health and Catherine Howell, and Ross Howell. Iron Pony Express is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts that has been raising money for Easterseals Colorado's Rocky Mountain Village Camp in Empire, CO since 1993. The Club has worked within their communities to bring awareness through partnerships with local businesses, schools, and public offices. Their fundraising efforts provide scholarships for children and adults living with disabilities to attend a week of summer camp. The dedication of all its members exemplifies the heart and passion Easterseals Colorado is grateful to have.

"We appreciate and acknowledgment these community members for the many ways they live and feed the human spirit by enriching Easterseals Colorado. They truly embody the same commitment and passion that Jake Jabs has demonstrated over his many years of involvement to Easterseals Colorado."

-- Roman Krafczyk, President and CEO, Easterseals Colorado

The Season of Lights Gala is Easterseals Colorado's largest fundraising event of the year, with 89 cents of every dollar raised going directly to support local Coloradans with disabilities and their families For ticket pricing, registration and sponsorship opportunities, call 720.331.1953 or visit https://aesbid.org/ELP/ESCANSOL24.

About Easterseals Colorado

Since 1926, Easterseals Colorado has been providing direct services to Colorado residents who are affected by disability or health challenges. As a vital resource for all people with disabilities and caregivers in rural and urban communities across the state, Easterseals Colorado provides programs and support that enhance quality of life and create opportunities for greater independence. For more information, visit www.easterseals.com/co. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

About Holland & Hart

Holland & Hart is a full-service law firm with approximately 500 lawyers in 13 offices. Throughout the Mountain West, from coast to coast and beyond, Holland & Hart provides clients with astute legal counsel from a vantage like no other. For more information, visit hollandhart.com.

About Iron Pony Express

Iron Pony Express is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts that has raised money for Easterseals Colorado's Rocky Mountain Village Camp in Empire, CO since 1993. Through five motorcycle rides they host annually between May to September where their rides stop at local watering holes and restaurants to collect funds for camperships for children and adults with disabilities a week of summer camp.

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