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### Douglas County Community Foundation Announces 2023 Hero Award Recipients

**(Douglas County, Colo.) September 18, 2023** – Douglas County Community Foundation is pleased to announce its 2023 DCCF Hero Award recipients:

Law Enforcement Award - **Jeff Cislo**  
Dispatch Award - **Keara Martin**  
Veteran Award - **Alex Racey**  
Armed Forces Award - **Jacob Mathis**  
Fallen Hero Award - **Kendrick Castillo**  
Fire & Rescue Award - **CJ Bailes**  
Community Award - **Michelle Kaye** and Operation Equine  
Best Year Yet Award - **Wellspring Community**

These worthy recipients will be recognized at the inaugural DCCF Heroes Gala on September 21, 2023, at Chatfield Farms Botanic Gardens.

"This unforgettable evening of inspiration and celebration will raise awareness, inspire support and say 'Thank You' to our Douglas County first responders, military personnel, veterans, and our local nonprofit partner organizations that support them," said DCCF Executive Director Mike Waid. "These award recipients exemplify true heroes in Douglas County."

Proceeds from the Heroes Gala support the DCCF Community Emergency Relief Fund. This fund directly assists our community, nonprofit partners and first responders during catastrophic events affecting Douglas County residents and ensures that emergency relief funds can be quickly accessed and distributed to those in Douglas County who need it most, when they need it most.

#### **About Douglas County Community Foundation**

Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) is committed to responsibly managing philanthropic contributions, maintaining agile funds for emergencies, inspiring generosity, and providing support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within Douglas County. For more information about Douglas County Community Foundation, please visit [dccf.org](http://dccf.org).

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