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Douglas County Community Foundation Announces 2024 Hero Award Recipients

Winners will be Honored at 2nd Annual Heroes Gala, Sept. 13th

Douglas County, Colo. – For the second year in a row, the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) is excited to announce the recipients of its Hero Awards. The DCCF Hero Awards recognize the service and valor of Douglas County first responders, Armed Forces members, and community heroes doing transformative work serving people in the Douglas County first responder community.

The DCCF 2024 Hero Award winners are:

- **Law Enforcement Hero:** Corporal Grant Collins, Lone Tree Police Department with special honors to the Douglas County Community Response Team and Clinician Sophia Lind
- **Fire Rescue Hero:** Douglas County Search and Rescue
- **Veteran Hero:** U.S. Marine Corporal Ryan Garza (Ret.)
- **Community Hero:** Emily M. Davenport, CWR and Rocky Mountain Wildlife Alliance

These worthy recipients will be honored at the second annual DCCF Heroes Gala on September 13, 2024, at Signature Aviation South at the Centennial Airport. Additional recognition will also be given to law enforcement finalists from the Parker Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

"This unforgettable evening of inspiration and celebration will raise awareness and support for our Douglas County first responders, Armed Forces members, veterans, and the local nonprofit partner organizations that support them," said DCCF Chair Tera Radloff. "These award recipients are making a profound impact on the Douglas County community, and they exemplify true heroism in every sense of the word."

Funds raised from the Heroes Gala help support the DCCF [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#), which provides direct assistance to the Douglas County community, nonprofit partners, and first responders during catastrophic events

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affecting residents, and it ensures that emergency relief funds can be quickly accessed and distributed in times of need.

For more information about the Heroes Gala and to purchase tickets or sponsorships, visit [DCCF 2024 Heroes Gala](#).

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About Douglas County Community Foundation

[Douglas County Community Foundation](#) (DCCF) provides leadership and responsible stewardship of philanthropic resources to enrich the lives of every resident in Douglas County. 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 our community.