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Teens to be Honored, Others to Perform at Family and Youth Summit

Larimer County, CO—Ten teenagers from Loveland and Fort Collins will be recognized for overcoming significant challenges to achieve success and serve as positive role models for others. Mayors Larry Walsh of Loveland and Doug Hutchinson of Fort Collins will present each teen with a special gift complements of Ehrlich VW Nissan and each of the Cities.

The Mayors' Teen Recognition Awards presentation will take place at 1 pm on Saturday, March 31, in the First National Bank Exhibition Hall at The Ranch (Larimer County Fairgrounds), during the 2nd Annual Family and Youth Summit. The Summit is an event where kids of all ages and families can spend quality time together participating in fun activities that promote healthy lifestyle choices.

The winners from Loveland are: Caitlyn Adamson, Thompson Valley High School senior; Ruben Castillo, Ferguson High School senior; Rena Clark, Ferguson High School senior; Blas Estrada, Mountain View High School senior; and Amalia Ornelas, Loveland High School senior.

Fort Collins winners are: Gerson Guzman, Fort Collins High School junior; Sydney Jones, Fort Collins High School senior; Amanda Karaffa, Poudre High School junior; Jenna Ringenberg, Fort Collins High School junior; and Brittany Sonquist, Rocky Mountain High School junior.

Other children and teens will provide entertainment throughout the day of the Summit, including:

- Berthoud High School Show Choir, an award-winning group of vocalists that performs locally and across the nation
- Mystical Magic, by magician Cory Mekelburg of Fossil Ridge High School
- Dance Ensembles, performed by Loveland Dance Academy's Performance Dance Team and Elite Team
- Jazz by Forté, featuring musicians from Preston Junior High School, and Fossil Ridge and Rocky Mountain High Schools in Fort Collins
- HeadTalk, showcasing performers from this Loveland-based percussion school.

Just prior to the award presentation, Jim Davidson, outdoor expedition leader and geologist, will share some key strategies he personally learned for prevailing over great adversity. During his keynote presentation, "Surviving Life's Adventures," Davidson will tell how he barely survived a deadly climbing accident by clawing his way out of avalanche debris, and then solo climbing out of an 80-foot deep glacial crevasse.

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The 2007 Family & Youth Summit

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Teen Awards and Entertainment

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The Summit also will feature:

- Workshops about topics such teen/parent communication and parenting with Love and Logic®
- Volunteer projects to help Larimer County's homeless kids
- Mini sports clinics
- Teen fashion shows
- Story times with local authors
- More than 70 booths with fun activities.

The Family and Youth Summit, hosted by the Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC), in partnership with five local radio stations (107.9 FM The Bear, MY 97.9 FM, 96.1 KISS FM, Fox News Radio 600 AM KCOL, and KIIX AM 1410), provides families the chance to spend a day together having fun and learning about ways to make healthy, safe lifestyle choices.

Admission is \$10 at the door for families, groups and/or individuals. Each person who brings two non-perishable canned goods to the Summit will have their name entered in a drawing to win tickets to the Fort Collins Symphony; food donations will benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County. A cash-only concession area will be open for snacks and lunch. For more information, call (970) 495-7503 or go to www.healthylarimer.org.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC) is a coalition of nonprofit, government, business and citizen leaders focused on improving the health and well-being of our children and youth. HCC does this by serving as a relationship broker, networker, communicator, convener, facilitator, researcher and capacity builder for the family and youth service providers throughout Larimer County. HCC was established in 1994 and is located in Fort Collins, Colorado.