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Loveland's "Heroes" Honored by Youth, Local Leaders

Larimer County, CO – Did you have an adult hero in your life? Someone who taught you a lot, inspired you or challenged you to be all you can be? If so, you're a lot like many Loveland youth who nominated their adult heroes to receive special recognition.

More than 100 adults will be honored at the 3rd annual Heroes Among Us event, a special dinner and recognition ceremony to be held **Wednesday, April 28, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the First National Bank Exhibition Hall at The Ranch (Larimer County Fairgrounds). The adult role models, as well as the youth who nominated them, will be served "hero" sandwiches by many local leaders, including: **Jim Alderden**, Larimer County sheriff; **Ann Bradbury**, Colorado Business Journal publisher; **Doug Crowl**, Loveland Reporter-Herald features reporter; **Glenn Gibson**, Larimer County commissioner; **Joe Jabaily**, Loveland physician; **James LaFlamme**, McKee Medical Center CEO; **Lynn Langton**, Thompson School District director of student outreach and services; **AJ Macdonald**, Macdonald Financial Services; **Don Marostica**, Loveland city council member; **Mark McDaniel**, School Resource/Loveland Police Officer; **Gaye Stockman**, Loveland Chamber of Commerce president/CEO; **Jerry Swanson**, The Group Inc. Real Estate; **Lindsay Thompson**, Miss Northern Colorado; and **Larry Walsh**, Loveland mayor. **Tom Wagoner**, Loveland police chief, will give the keynote address.

"This night goes to show you that heroes aren't overpaid athletes or bizarre acting entertainers. Heroes are those people right here in Loveland who help bring positive change in the lives of the rest of us," said Wagoner.

"Our goal is to recognize the adults in our community who work to make a positive difference in the life of a child," said Kim Sharpe, Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC) coordinator. "We also hope the event will motivate many more adults to share a small part of themselves with a kid who needs them."

Heroes Among Us is sponsored by HCC. Other event sponsors include FirstCall 211, the Larimer County 4-H program, Macdonald Financial Services, Partners Mentoring Youth, Subway®, Thompson School District, United Way of Larimer County, Wells Fargo Bank and Yancey's Food Service.

For more information about becoming a youth mentor, contact Partners Mentoring Youth at 613.2187 or HCC at 495.7503.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County is an alliance of nonprofit, education, health, business, government and citizen leaders who collaboratively identify, develop and implement strategies to improve the health and well-being of county residents. Established in 1994 and located in Fort Collins, Colorado, HCC's special focus is on improving the lives of our youth.

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