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Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs

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Youth-Owned Colorado Businesses to be Honored September 23rd

August 2, 2010, Denver – Despite a struggling economy, 12 unique Colorado businesses are succeeding – and they’re all owned and operated by kids age 21 and under. The young entrepreneurs behind these businesses will be honored at the **9th Annual Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs** event at Denver’s Seawell Grand Ballroom on September 23.

Young business owners from across Colorado applied for cash awards in this year’s competition. From each age category, one winner and two finalists will be presented checks at the dinner and awards ceremony. In addition, each winner will be paired with a Presenting Mentor – a prominent businessperson who will present their award and provide support and advice through the year.

2010 Finalists:

- 6-11 year olds: Miles Louison (9), The Dessert Company
Jack Tasker (age 9), Tie Dye Jack’s
Allison Winn (10), Stink Bug Project
- 12-14 year olds: Andrew (13) & Garrett (10) Breeling, A&G Fused Glass
Charlie Fish (12) App-Whiz
Koa Halpern (12), Fast Food Free
- 15-17 year olds: Emily Gardner (16), Top Notch Fingerboards
Nathan Girkins (15), Nathan Johnson (13), Daniel Langeman (14),
Willowbrook Woodworking
Mary Sorteberg (17), My Art Card Company
- 18-21 year olds: Kailey Breakall (19), Kards by Kailey
Preston Rayburn (19), Triple Threat Entertainment
Ratha Sok (21), Bimmer Torres (20), 2KOOL

2010 Presenting Mentors:

- Katherine Ott, CEO and Founder, SlimGenics Weight Loss Centers
- Mimi Roberson, President & CEO, Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Medical Center and The Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children at P/SL

- Youth Businesses, cont’d -

- John Ikard, President & CEO, FirstBank Holding Company of Colorado
- Stephanie Comfort, Executive Vice President Corporate Strategy, Qwest.

About Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs and Young Americans Center

Celebration for Young Entrepreneurs is a business competition and fundraiser that benefits the programs of Young Americans Center for Financial Education, a nonprofit charity that reaches more than 45,000 youth every year through hands-on programs and real-life experiences that develop financial literacy in youth. Visit www.yacenter.org to learn more about Young AmeriTowne, International Towne, Get aHead for Business, Young Americans Bank and other programs.



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