

Returning To Keystone, Colorado
October 25/26, 2024



WINE IN THE PINES

40TH RUBY CELEBRATION

Benefiting The Kelly Smith Employment Center At Ability Connection Colorado

Join us for a one-of-a-kind experience!

Dear Friend of Ability Connection Colorado,

We would love for you to join us in celebrating 40 years of Wine in the Pines in Keystone on October 25th and/or 26th.

The funds we raise at this amazing and fun event will go towards changing the unacceptable 88% rate of unemployment for youth and adults with disabilities in Colorado. Our statewide employment program, named after Kelly Smith, who has Cerebral Palsy and is the daughter of Mike and Margaret, who are residents of Dillon and Founders of Wine in the Pines. She is a remarkable woman and has truly demonstrated through her employment history the value and amazing work ethic that folks with disabilities contribute to the workplace.

As a result of this 40 year old event, today, through Ability Connection Colorado's (ACCO) the Kelly Smith Statewide Employment Center annually supports over 3600 individuals with differing disabilities and challenges through several innovative programs: Employment Works! Ready to Achieve Mentoring Program (RAMP) for youth, Ticket to Work, and Social Security Benefits Counseling.

Of course, we could not have accomplished any of this without our community's support. We rely on resources from our community and business affiliations, individual donors, sponsors at different levels, purchasing tickets, participating in or donating to our live and silent auctions. This event has become a unique promotional and thank you opportunity that introduces businesses, in one evening, to over 400 of their most important target markets - the businesses and residents of Summit County and the Denver Metro Area.

Whether you join us for one night or both, with your support Wine in the Pines will continue to help ACCO provide a more diverse and inclusive workforce in Colorado, and financial security and independence to an underutilized workforce that deserve the right to have meaningful employment and a sense of purpose.

Please take a look through the attached packet to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of underutilized youth and adults seeking employment. Let me know if you have any questions, and know we will be thankful and grateful for the opportunity to build a mutually beneficial community partnership with you.

Thank you for your time, and warmest regards,

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