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Bank of Colorado and Pikes Peak United Way Host Annual Burgers & Bags Tournament

Local celebrities vie for awards at fundraising event

Colorado Springs, Co. — <u>Pikes Peak United Way</u> and <u>Bank of Colorado</u> are hosting the second Burgers and Bags Tournament on Tuesday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bank of Colorado, 421 N. Tejon Street. The event features free burgers from In-N-Out and local leaders vying for top honors in cornhole.

Burgers & Bags has a dual role: Bringing the community together and raising money for Pikes Peak United Way. Bank of Colorado and the Roy and Gloria Dinsdale Foundation have made a \$15,000 donation. Bank of Colorado is also underwriting the cost of the lunchtime event.

"Supporting Pikes Peak United Way is investing in our community," said Dan Nordberg, Bank of Colorado market president and Pikes Peak United Way board chair. "The Burgers and Bags fundraiser allows us to bring together philanthropy, good-natured competition, and delicious food, all while giving back to a great cause."

NFL Hall of Famer and former Broncos linebacker Randy Gradishar will take on other local leaders like Susan Edmondson, CEO at Downtown Partnership, and Chuck Broerman, El Paso County treasurer. The El Paso County commissioners are taking part: Cami Bremer is paired with Carrie Geitner, and Longinos Gonzalez Jr. is paired with Stan VanderWerf. Commissioner Holly Williams is playing with partner Bret Waters, deputy county administrator.

Others competing in this year's tournament include congressional staffers Antonio Huerta from Sen. John Hickenlooper's office and Natasha Hutson from Sen. Michael Bennet's office. Hockey Coach Kris Mayotte is Colorado College's entry, and executives from Colorado Springs's top companies will also toss bags to raise awareness of United Way's mission. Solid Rock Custom Homes, Hyundai of Chapel Hills, Bank of Colorado, the O'Neil Group, Norwood, and several other companies are participating in the tournament.

A total of 38 teams will compete for prizes provided by <u>Scheels of Colorado Springs</u>.

"We want people to take a break over lunch, enjoy a free burger, cheer on your favorite team — and donate to United Way," said CEO Cindy Aubrey. "It's a great way to kick off the summer and help us continue to enhance youth success and family stability through our programs and resources."



About Pikes Peak United Way: The mission of Pikes Peak United Way is to enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources, and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter, and learning resources. Visit <u>ppunitedway.org</u> for more information. **#LiveUnited**