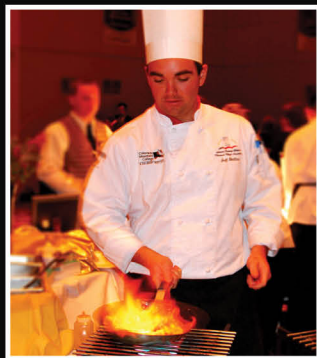


WINE IN THE PINES  
40<sup>TH</sup> RUBY CELEBRATION

Returning To Keystone, Colorado October 25/26, 2024



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*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 25<sup>th</sup> and/or 26<sup>th</sup>.*

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,

Judith I. Ham, President / CEO  
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celebrating 40 years!*

**October 25th & 26th, 2024**  
**Keystone, CO**

### **Summit County: From Unemployed to Ready for Employment**

Recently I met with a young man referred to me by his Vocational counselor. He had never worked in a competitive employment situation, despite his desire to do so, however the concerns that earning any amount of money would make him ineligible for SSI benefits was in his way. He has extensive needs that are being met by his Home and Community Based waiver program. After explaining my role as Community Work Incentives Coordinator and providing he and his family with information, we began to develop and gain approval for his Benefits Planning Query. We also reviewed and discussed specific work incentives and how these can be incorporated into his goal of earning an income. After completing this process it became apparent that earned income can be of benefit and not adversely impact his social security or other benefits. He is now working on his employment goals and opportunities.

*“Every day, at ACCO’s Kelly Smith Employment Center, we see the impact of facilitating inclusive opportunities for an underutilized workforce. The youth and adults we are privileged to serve deserves the right to meaningful employment and a sense of purpose. We utilize mentors, work experiences, continued education and community resources to make this happen.”*

### **Ability Connection Colorado**

**Commitment to Sponsors and Contributors:**

As a proven and a trusted organization that has been helping create opportunities and supporting people with disabilities for the last 78+ years, we want you to know...

- We will always promote and represent you and/or your company’s generosity in a positive light and a professional manner.
- As stewards of your contributions, know that gifts will always be used for their expressed purpose when given.
- All decisions made with regard to the allocation of funds will be strategic, conscientious and ethical.
- By giving to our organization, you help continue and advance the vital programs and services of Ability Connection Colorado.

On behalf of the nearly 38,000 children, families, and individuals who receive services through our organization, we are honored that you are considering sponsorship of this event and the impact it will bring.

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### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Choose from one of the levels below, or let us tailor a level that meets your company's budget and marketing goals.

**\*Standard benefits package (included in all levels):** Name/logo on the Saturday night large projection screens inside the ballroom and on the video monitors in reception areas at Keystone Conference Center, name on large wall banner hung inside ballroom, name/logo recognition on website, and social media exposure, goodie bag for each of your guests.

#### **Ruby Red Sponsor \$25,000 (Includes ACCO produced short video featuring your company)**

- Twenty (20) Friday night Winemaker's Dinner Tickets
- Two (2) Reserved Tables of Ten (10) at the Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting with Table Signage
- Friday & Saturday Overnight Accommodations - Ten (10) Rooms
- Name/Logo included on Event Invitation & Save the Date
- Name/Logo included in all event advertising including print advertising and pre-event press
- \*Standard benefits package

#### **Diamond Sponsor \$15,000 (Includes ACCO produced short video featuring your company)**

- Eight (8) Friday night Winemaker's Dinner Tickets
- Two (2) Tables of Eight (8) at the Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting with Table Signage
- Friday & Saturday Overnight Accommodations - Four (4) Rooms
- Name/Logo included in all event advertising including print advertising and pre-event press
- \*Standard benefits package

#### **Champagne Sponsor \$10,000 (Includes ACCO produced short video featuring your company)**

- Six (6) Friday night Winemaker's Dinner Tickets
- Two (2) Tables of Seven (7) at the Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting with Table Signage
- Friday & Saturday Overnight Accommodations - Three (3) Rooms
- Name/Logo included in all event advertising including print advertising and pre-event press
- \*Standard benefits package

#### **Cabernet Sponsor \$7,500 (Includes ACCO produced short video featuring your company)**

- Four (4) Friday night Winemaker's Dinner Tickets
- One (1) Table of Ten (10) at the Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting with Table Signage
- Friday & Saturday Overnight Accommodations - Two (2) Rooms
- Name/Logo included in all event advertising including print advertising and pre-event press
- \*Standard benefits package

#### **Merlot Sponsor \$5,000**

- Two (2) Friday night Winemaker's Dinner Tickets
- Six (6) Reserved Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting Tickets
- Friday & Saturday Overnight Accommodations - One (1) Room
- \*Standard benefits package

#### **Chardonnay Sponsor \$2,500**

- Two (2) Friday night Winemaker's Dinner Tickets
- Four (4) Reserved Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting Tickets
- \*Standard benefits package

#### **Shiraz Sponsor \$3,200**

- One (1) Table of Ten (10) at the Saturday night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting with Table Signage
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**YES!**

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### Sponsor Levels

**Include Both Friday Night & Saturday Night:**

\$25,000     \$15,000     \$10,000     \$7,500     \$5,000     \$2,500

**Saturday Night International Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting Only:**

\$3,200 (reserved table of ten (10))

I would like to make a 100% TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Send Invoice

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**SPONSOR LEVELS FILL QUICKLY. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**

### Questions? Please contact:

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E-mail: [tarmstrong@abilityconnectioncolorado.org](mailto:tarmstrong@abilityconnectioncolorado.org). Please fax or e-mail Terri Armstrong your completed form to reserve your sponsorship. This form represents a promise of financial support; please retain a copy for your records.

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