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**Douglas County Community Foundation Opens Nominations for
2025 Hero Awards**

Winners will be Honored at 3rd Annual Heroes Gala, Sept. 12th

Douglas County, Colo. – For the third year in a row, the Douglas County Community Foundation (DCCF) is seeking nominations for its Hero Awards, which recognize the service and valor of Douglas County first responders, Armed Forces members, and community heroes doing transformative work serving people in Douglas County.

The DCCF 2025 Hero Award categories are:

- **Armed Forces Hero:** This category includes active-duty military and veterans. Nominees should have demonstrated exceptional courage, self-sacrifice, extraordinary compassion, or life-saving actions that go above and beyond the call of duty.
- **Community Hero:** This award honors an exceptional nonprofit organization, community leader, volunteer, or corporation based in Douglas County. Nominees should have made a significant impact on charitable initiatives through financial contributions, the deployment of organizational resources, encouraging employees to give their time and resources to the Douglas County community, or a combination of the above. Outstanding volunteer community service that is sustained, direct, and impactful is also eligible for consideration.
- **First Responder Hero:** This category includes civilian and commissioned law enforcement personnel (police officers, sheriff deputies), firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, dispatchers, search and rescue, and volunteer first responders. Nominees must have responded to a situation showcasing exceptional courage, selflessness, extraordinary compassion, or life-saving actions that go above and beyond the call of duty, including providing remarkable emergency assistance.

Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 12 p.m. The recipients of these awards will be honored at the third annual DCCF Heroes Gala on September 12, 2025, at Signature Aviation South at the Centennial Airport. This event helps raise funds for DCCF and the [Community Emergency Relief Fund](#), which can be quickly accessed and distributed to provide direct assistance to our community, nonprofit partners, and first responders during catastrophic events affecting Douglas County.

To **nominate a Hero** or for more information about the Heroes Gala and to purchase tickets or sponsorships, visit [DCCF 2025 Heroes Gala](#).

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About Douglas County Community Foundation

Douglas County Community Foundation's (DCCF) mission is to provide leadership and responsible stewardship of philanthropic resources to strengthen our community and enrich the lives of every resident in Douglas County. DCCF is committed to responsibly manage philanthropic contributions, maintain agile funds and serve as a conduit in emergencies, inspire local giving, and provide resources and support to local nonprofit organizations serving the needs within our community.