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More than 30 organizations are up for esteemed BBB Torch Awards

DENVER – The Better Business Bureau Foundation, the 501 (c)(3) philanthropic arm of the Better Business Bureau Serving Denver/Boulder announced today 38 organizations are contenders for its annual Torch Award for Marketplace Trust. The BBB Foundation is in its 12th year of bestowing the Torch Award, a tribute to local organizations that exemplify an outstanding commitment to fair, honest and ethical practices.

“The Torch Awards are uniquely specific to honoring ethics and integrity, and we’re excited to see how all of these nominees exhibit how their organization is a shining example of those values,” said Brian Cook, chair of the board of directors for the BBB Foundation.

Each Torch Award nominee met qualification requirements such as adhering to BBB standards, and completed a detailed application illustrating its organization’s commitment to the award criteria, including but not limited to: management practices, community relations, decision making, and ethical employees and volunteers.

“Congratulations to all of the nominees this year, and especially because many of these important businesses and nonprofit organizations are so humble about being in the spotlight for their dedication to integrity and ethics, so we’re just so proud to be able to recognize them for the great work they accomplish,” added Su Hawk, president and CEO for the BBB of Denver/Boulder. “Each nominee invested extensive time and thought into the process and will be rigorously evaluated by an independent panel of qualified judges, culminating in the final presentation of the Torch Awards at this year’s event on October 30.”

The 2014 BBB Torch Awards for Marketplace Trust nominees are:

A Master's Hands, LLC
Advanced Exteriors, Inc.
Agency of Credit Control, Inc.
Ambassador Painting
Apple Aire
ASAP Roofing
Bayaud Enterprises, Inc.
Best Car Buys Ltd.
Bridge House
CIOMIT
Colorado Climate Maintenance, Inc.
Core Contractors, Inc.
Developmental Pathways
Diversified Radiology of Colorado, P.C.
Edge Pest Control
Family Resource Center Association
FlexJobs
Goodwill Industries of Denver

Hammersmith Management, Inc.
Inner City Health Center
JF Options, Inc.
Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain, Inc.
Klein & Co. Corporate Housing Services, Inc.
Larson Financial, Inc.
Learning Foundations
Medsurant, LLC
mpowered
NOVA® Home Loans – Highlands Ranch
Omni Financial Services
PASCO (Personal Assistance Services of Colorado)
Peak Structural, Inc.
Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
Senior Assistance Center
The CS Team
TLC Learning Center
Top Hat File and Serve, Inc.
Van Der Jagt Law Firm

“Winning the Torch Award in 2013 was a great honor. At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, we pride ourselves on marketplace trust and prioritizing ethical standards as an organization. Winning the award brought great awareness to our organization and we could not be more proud,” said Dave Ryan, CEO of the 2013 Torch Award winner in the nonprofit category, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc.

The BBB Denver/Boulder Torch event will take place on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel. The event is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at DenverBBBTorchAwards.org The event is sponsored by Regis University, Exclusive Resorts, Pinnacol Assurance and Entravision.