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2004 Employer Awards Announced

Local companies recognized for contributions to community and providing work opportunities for youth

Aurora, Colo. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! is pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 Employer Awards: IMI Norgren has received the Community Partnership Award, and Craig Hospital is this year's Outstanding Youth Employer:

- **IMI Norgren—2004 Community Partnership Award** (sponsored by Kaiser Permanente). IMI Norgren is a Littleton-based manufacturing company recognized for its active involvement in Littleton's annual Welcome Week parade, sponsoring local golf tournaments, donating company parking lots for bike rodeos, and fundraising for Arapahoe Community College and the Englewood and Littleton school districts; IMI Norgren also facilitates employee involvement in the community by providing time off to balance the competing demands of work and volunteer activity.
- **Craig Hospital—2004 Outstanding Youth Employer Award** (sponsored by Arapahoe/Douglas Youth Council). Craig Hospital, in Englewood, is recognized for offering predominantly entry-level positions to young employees, and providing internal promotional opportunities and on-the-job training. Craig Hospital also sponsors a three-day summer camp for high school students where they can learn about emergency procedures and earn school credits at the same time.

This is the fifth year for the awards event which is sponsored by six area Chambers of Commerce and Arapahoe/Douglas Works!; today's keynote speaker is former Denver Bronco, Reggie Rivers.

"We continue to discover new best practices in companies that offer extraordinary employment opportunities and encourage community involvement on behalf of their employees," said Patricia Buys, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Director. "By recognizing them formally, we hope other companies will consider new and improved ways to retain their employees and contribute to the well-being of our local communities."

Colonial Bank and Highlands Ranch Community Association will both receive honorable mention for nominations in the Outstanding Youth Employer Award category at today's event, hosted at The Wildlife Experience, in Parker.

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