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Sprint celebrates Denver's community spirit with more than \$55,000 in grants to local non-profits

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Sprint (NYSE: S) has awarded four Denver-area non-profit organizations with Sprint Foundation grants as part of the 2010 Sprint Local Grant Program and the 2010 Sprint Community Champions program. The Sprint Local Grant Program annually awards two \$25,000 Sprint Foundation grants to Denver-area programs that support Sprint's focus area of youth development. The Sprint Community Champions Program annually recognizes two outstanding Denver-area residents who have made a positive impact on the community with Sprint Foundation grants to qualified non-profit organizations of the honorees' choice. Grants were presented and Community Champions honored at a local reception earlier this week.



Left to right: Michelle Chisholm, Sprint; Katie Blackett, CEO of Colorado Mountain Club; Brenda Porter, Education Director of Colorado Mountain Club (Photo: Business Wire)

The 2010 grant recipients and Community Champion honorees for Denver are as follows:

- **The Colorado Council on Economic Education** was selected as a 2010 Sprint Local Grant Program recipient and will receive a \$25,000 Sprint Foundation grant for the Colorado Stock Market Game. This program will impact 8,000 students, grades 4-12, as they experience a state-of-the-art stock-market simulation where they learn to manage a virtual cash portfolio of \$100,000 with real-life stock and mutual-fund pricing. Students receive valuable financial-education instruction, including lessons that are aligned with academic standards in mathematics, language arts, social studies and economics.
- **The Colorado Mountain Club** was selected as a 2010 Sprint Local Grant Program recipient and will receive a \$25,000 Sprint Foundation grant for its Youth Education Program. This program reaches 5,000 youth annually and provides activities to prevent Nature Deficit Disorder, fight childhood obesity, and provide leadership and social-competency skill development. Students learn through fun activities that foster understanding of academic subjects, self-awareness and cooperation.
- Golden resident **Kevin O'Connor** was selected as the 2010 Sprint Adult Community Champion, and the Sprint Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to his selected charitable organization, **Family Tree**. O'Connor has been a volunteer with Family Tree for more than three years and has continually supported the organization's mission of helping people overcome child abuse, domestic violence and homelessness to become safe,

strong and self-reliant. He has provided invaluable assistance in many Family Tree volunteer projects, and his contributions have made the lives of many area residents much better.

- Denver resident **AliJah Jackson** was selected as the 2010 Sprint Youth Community Champion, and the Sprint Foundation awarded a \$2,500 grant to his selected charitable organization, **Athletics & Beyond**. Now 18 years old, AliJah has been made an incredible impression on the Denver volunteering community since he was 12. His community involvement has included working with the African American Male Leadership Group; Athletics & Beyond; the Family, Career and Community Leadership of America; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Prevention; the Red Shield Salvation Army Thanksgiving; and many other non-profit and community-focused groups.

This is the second year Sprint has conducted the Sprint Local Giving Program and the Sprint Community Champions Program in Denver. To learn more about either program, please visit www.sprint.com/localgiving.

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About the Sprint Foundation

Since its establishment in 1989, the Sprint Foundation has provided more than \$110 million to community organizations across the country with a special emphasis on those supporting K-12 education, positive youth development, arts and culture outreach, and Internet safety. Through direct grants and a robust matching-gifts program for employees and retirees, the Sprint Foundation creatively and thoughtfully delivers Sprint's commitment to championing the communities where Sprint customers and employees live.