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### **El Pomar Foundation presents Awards for Excellence to three nonprofits**

**Colorado Springs, Colo. – July 20, 2020**— Three nonprofit organizations were selected by El Pomar Foundation as the 2020 Awards for Excellence recipients. The winning organizations are **Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte, Inc., Gold Crown Foundation and Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County**. Each organization will receive a \$30,000 grant for its commitment to bettering the lives of the people of Colorado.

**The Adaptive Sports Center of Crested Butte** aims to “enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities through exceptional outdoor activities.” Throughout the year, highly trained staff at the organization provide individualized attention to participants to ensure people of all levels and abilities can engage in outdoor adventures.

**Gold Crown Foundation** is a Denver-based nonprofit with a mission of “educating youth and community through sports and enrichment programs.” Through basketball, volleyball and golf along with educational programs that go beyond the field into the classroom, this organization teaches life skills and supports young people in many aspects of their life.

Based in Cañon City, **Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Fremont County** directs its attention to “sharing the love of God by helping families and individuals with their basic needs.” This nonprofit supports their community through the distribution of clothing, household items and food; the management of a homeless shelter and transitional housing programs and the provision of financial assistance to those in need.

In its 31<sup>st</sup> year, Awards for Excellence annually recognizes the state’s highest performing nonprofit organizations. Since 1989, the program has awarded \$6.5 million in grants to more than 530 nonprofit organizations throughout Colorado. Organizations are selected by a committee of community leaders, council members from El Pomar’s Regional Partnerships program and El Pomar Fellowship Alumni.

*El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$22 million annually through grants and Community Stewardship programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations involved in health, human services, education, arts and humanities, and civic and community initiatives. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937. To learn more about El Pomar Foundation please go to [www.elpomar.org](http://www.elpomar.org).*

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