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**SPRING INSTITUTE HOSTS LUNCHEON EVENT CELEBRATING IMMIGRANT  
AND REFUGEE INCLUSION IN COLORADO**

DENVER, COLORADO--Spring Institute's annual fundraiser and luncheon is a celebration of our vibrant intercultural community that embraces immigrants and refugees and the collaborative partnerships promoting inclusivity in serving Colorado's diverse newcomer population.

**What:** The theme of the [ninth annual Spring Intercultural Champion Awards](#) ceremony is *Celebrating Inclusivity in Serving Colorado*. Spring Intercultural Champion Awards will be presented to three organizations: Colorado Center on Law and Policy, Denver Regional Council of Governments, and Hope Communities.

**Who:** With Emcee **Nikki Swarn of KUVU Jazz**, spoken word performance by **Dominique Christina**, a musical performance by **Mark Zwilling**, and a **committee of 17 state legislators** serving as honorary hosts, Spring Institute will present 2023 Spring Intercultural Champion awards to:

- **Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP)**, a non-partisan, not-for-profit advocacy organization dedicated to the vision that every Coloradan should have what they need to succeed. Their advocacy in collaboration with Spring Institute was instrumental in enacting Senate Bill 23-007 to enhance adult education in Colorado.
- **Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)**, a planning organization that facilitates local government collaboration to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, and aging and disability resources. Their Older Adult Refugees and Friends program collaborates with Spring Institute to deliver English language adult education and other integration programming for older adult newcomers.
- **Hope Communities**, a nonprofit organization that strengthens communities and provides pathways to economic and personal opportunity through affordable housing, educational programs and support services. Their Hidden Brook apartment complex in the East Colfax neighborhood serves as a hub for Spring Institute's community-based integration programming, including early childhood education and youth engagement opportunities.

Event sponsors include The Colorado Health Foundation, Denver Health, The Colorado Trust, and The Kempe Foundation.

**When:** Thursday, September 21, 2023, Noon - 2:00 MST

**Where:** City Park Pavilion, 2001 Steele St, Denver, CO 80205. Please note that GPS navigation may not be reliable within the park and [this map](#) provides better guidance on accessing the Pavilion.

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