

2023 Young Entrepreneur Tournament: Press Release

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Larimer County CareerRise Hosts the 18th Young Entrepreneur Tournament

Fort Collins, CO - October 30, 2023 - Larimer County CareerRise proudly presents the 18th Young Entrepreneur Tournament, to be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Innosphere Ventures in Fort Collins, Colorado. Since its inception in 2008, this event has been a cornerstone program for youth engagement in entrepreneurship.

The Young Entrepreneur Tournament nurtures the entrepreneurial spirit of youth, connecting them with mentors and offering them the opportunity to compete for seed money to kickstart their business ventures. To date, over 269 young participants have benefitted from this program, transforming innovative ideas into reality.

This year, 12 remarkable young entrepreneurs, aged 8 to 15, will compete for seed funding to support their budding businesses and educational development. Monetary awards will be given to the top three winners, as well as in various categories like the best marketing piece, standout speaker, and the most innovative idea.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors, including OtterCares, the Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development, and CareerRise, as well as Slyce Pizza of Fort Collins and Nick Armstrong, Owner of WTF Hot Sauce and WTF Marketing. Special thanks to our Facilitator, Andrea Bazoin, and Pitch Tournament Judges: Jennifer Markiewicz, Tanis Roeder, Mark Schreiber, and Edgar Ramos for their unwavering commitment to fostering young entrepreneurship.

The event is open to the public, and we invite the community to attend and support these budding entrepreneurs. RSVPs are requested to ensure we can accommodate all attendees.

For more information about the 18th Young Entrepreneur Tournament and to RSVP, please contact Dan Gagnon at dgagnon@larimer.org.

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Join us on November 4th to celebrate the innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of our community's youth. Let's unite to inspire and empower the next generation of business leaders and change-makers.

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About Larimer County CareerRise:

Larimer County CareerRise is dedicated to fostering the career development and entrepreneurial aspirations of the youth in Larimer County, Colorado, empowering them to explore their potential, connect with mentors, and turn their innovative ideas into successful businesses.

About OtterCares:

OtterCares is a philanthropic organization committed to inspiring kids to change the world, providing resources and support to young individuals to become compassionate leaders, entrepreneurs, and problem solvers.

About Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development:

Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development strives to enhance the economic well-being of the community by supporting local businesses, workforce development, and job opportunities, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the local economy.

About Innosphere Ventures:

Innosphere Ventures is a high-tech incubator and accelerator supporting entrepreneurs and startups in Northern Colorado, with a focus on innovation, offering a dynamic environment for startups to grow and succeed.