



Be Beautiful Be Yourself- Jet Set Fashion Show 2008



Dear Friend,

I am delighted to invite you to be part of the **Be Beautiful Be Yourself! – Jet Set Fashion Show**, a fundraiser for The Rocky Mountain Down Syndrome Educational Fund and ARC Thrift of Colorado hosted by Rotors of the Rockies on **Saturday, September 27, 2008**.

This fundraiser is an important step towards helping the over 50,000 people in Colorado with development disabilities through education, training, advocacy, public awareness and legislative support.

Did you know...?

- That there is a wait list in Colorado for over 12,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities for services ranging from access to medical services to job coaching?
- That despite 1 in 733 live births, Down syndrome is the least funded of 93 conditions covered by the National Institute of Health?
- That Colorado now ranks 49 out of 50 states in terms of services to people with developmental disabilities?
- That Colorado is one of the few states that does not have a pediatric Down syndrome clinic despite the large number of children with Down syndrome?
- That many organizations still grossly discriminate against people with any kind of developmental disability including refusal of medical services?
- That many people with developmental disabilities can lead productive, happy lives and contribute to the quality of lives of those around them?

The proceeds from **Be Beautiful Be Yourself! – Jet Set Fashion Show** will help to underwrite essential programs through ARC of Colorado and to fund much needed medical outreach support and education for children with Down syndrome.

Please join us in celebrating our community and neighbors with developmental disabilities at this wonderful event. The Colorado Crush football players and cheerleaders, Saks Fifth Avenue top models and our beautiful models who happen to have developmental disabilities look forward to working with you to make changes for good.

We are truly grateful for your support!



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