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### **Cerebral Palsy of Colorado Celebrated the 5th Annual Mother's Tea** *A Day of Heartfelt Tears*

**May 13, 2006** - DENVER - Cerebral Palsy of Colorado honored some very deserving people the day before Mother's Day at the 5th Annual Mother's Tea, presented by Amber Homes, Inc. Eight individuals were honored including 9 year old, Jake Sensenbaugh of Thornton, the first ever Courage Award Winner, and his mom Beth. The award presented by nominating person Linda Harmon, owner of Amber Homes, and assisted by Dr. Stephanie Clements of 9 News, was to celebrate one truly courageous child. "There is no one I can think of more deserving of this special award", says Harmon. Her presenting partner, "Dr. Steph" as she's known, said it best, "when Jake Sensenbaugh looks at his life, he doesn't see that a leg is missing, nor that his 'good' leg won't let him stand. Jake's too busy counting blessings, talking about his family, his dog Moose, and the times he's gotten to meet his favorite Avalanche players".

The group was in a spiral from tears to laughter and back again to tears as Speaker Evelyne Villines put into words the experiences she had growing up as a disabled child in an institution. Praising Amber Homes over and over again for their commitment to Cerebral Palsy of Colorado and pleading with other community leaders and attendees to get involved with the new Charter School at CP of Colorado. Conveying with passion that the CP school on the Lowry Redevelopment Project would ensure that all children, disabled or not, are treated with the same respect and dignity. A luxury she did not have growing up. There was no question as to why Evelyne Villines was inducted into the National Hall of Fame for Persons with Disabilities for she is truly a pioneer in the civil rights movement for individuals with disabilities.

Last but certainly not least tears streamed while the names of six special women were announced. The ladies, unaware of their nominations were given special awards and getaway packages for the dedication and contributions they make in the lives of their disabled children on a daily basis.

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