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Support Local Restaurant Workers and Enjoy a Night Out at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science at **Drink Red Wear Red** on June 8

**For 12 consecutive years, this dining- and wine-tasting celebration has raised money
for Colorado restaurant employees experiencing hardship.**

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Denver, CO – The **Colorado Restaurant Foundation** (CRF) and **Colorado Restaurant Association** (CRA) **Mile High Chapter**, in partnership with Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC), Sysco, and US Foods, are thrilled to announce the return of our annual industry celebration and fundraiser, **Drink Red Wear Red**, at the **Denver Museum of Nature & Science** (2001 Colorado Boulevard) on **Thursday, June 8, 2023**, starting at 6 p.m. (Tickets are on sale at <https://corestaurant.org/event/drink-red-wear-red/>.)

Drink Red Wear Red brings together more than twenty of Denver’s top restaurants to help raise money for the CRA Mile High Chapter’s Hardship Fund and for the CRF and its Angel Relief Fund, both of which support restaurant industry employees facing hardship. While there’s no more resilient community, restaurants and their teams still need our support when dealing with unexpected emergencies; the recent homicides at American Elm are a perfect example, with 35 employees directly impacted by the tragedy and in need of assistance to offset time away from work and mental healthcare support.

Drink Red Wear Red will take over the outdoor spaces at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science from 6 to 11 p.m. on June 8. The evening kicks off with a VIP reception (6 to 7:30 p.m.) on the Anschutz Family Sky Terrace, where guests will enjoy bites from Barolo Grill, the Bindery, LeRoux, Monarch Chophouse, Ultraia, and the museum’s own chef, Patrick Hartnett. VIP tickets also include a selection of elevated wines, a signature cocktail, and the famous “million-dollar view” of City Park, the Denver skyline, and the Rocky Mountains.

The main event begins at 7 p.m. on the South Deck, featuring nearly twenty Denver restaurants, wines and cocktails from RNDC, an auction of exclusive dining and drinking experiences, and DJs from Kona Grill and STK Steakhouse, who always keep the evening lively. Participating restaurants competing for the coveted People’s Choice T-Rex wine-holder trophy include Bad Daddy’s Burger Bar, Blackbird Public House, Esters, G-Que Barbeque, Hooters, Kona Grill, Lucina Eatery & Bar, The Noshery, Sam’s No. 3, Somebody People, STK Steakhouse, Sullivan Scrap Kitchen, Sushi-Rama, Tavernetta, Wahoo’s Fish Taco, and Wild Taco.

Through May 26, early-bird ticket purchasers will pay \$150 for the VIP experience and \$55 for general admission. From May 27 to June 8, the price increases to \$175 for VIP and \$65 for GA. Onsite tickets will cost \$225 for VIP and \$75 for GA.

“We’re proud that **Drink Red Wear Red** has continuously supported the local restaurant and hospitality workforce since 2011, even during the most difficult time in history for our industry,” says CRF president

Laura Shunk. "In particular, the support we've received from the local community since the pandemic has helped fund more than 4,400 emergency hardship relief and mental healthcare grants, which are more important now than ever. We can't wait to celebrate with Denver and support local restaurant workers further in June!"

Tickets and more information can be found at corerestaurant.org. Please let us know if you would like to attend as media and/or share **Drink Red Wear Red** marketing assets, including the event logo, photos from last year's celebration, and video shorts suitable for social media and online news stories and events listings.

About the Colorado Restaurant Association

The Colorado Restaurant Association (CRA) is dedicated to the enhancement and success of Colorado's foodservice industry. Founded in 1933, the CRA is the leading trade organization for the state's dynamic restaurant scene. The CRA represents, educates, and promotes a more than \$14 billion industry comprising more than 12,700 eating and drinking establishments and 260,000 workers. corerestaurant.org.

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Established in 1987 as the 501(c)3 philanthropic foundation of the CRA, the CRF's mission is dedicated to enhancing the industry's training and education, career development, and the overall well-being of the industry and its workforce. The CRF supports individuals in the restaurant industry as they advance and thrive. Corerestaurant.org/foundation

