



Press Release
Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo (ESR)

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In 2015, more than 250 volunteers successfully managed record-breaking performances to sold-out crowds, a parade with 75 entries, a Stampede to Read program that encouraged reading at five elementary schools, and a Foundation that offers scholarships, support for community events and financial assistance to those in need throughout the state of Colorado. In 2015, the Foundation supported about 30 organizations and people in the community, totaling \$11,500. ESR President, Jace Glick, commented, *“We are proud to be the largest event in Elbert County, and the most inclusive. Numerous local businesses and organizations participate in and benefit from the Rodeo Association. We invite everyone to participate, be that by competing in our community rodeo and parade, being a vendor during the rodeo, or joining our great team of volunteers.”*

At the annual Stampede holiday banquet, 20 people were recognized for their contributions to the Rodeo and the association. Four people were honored for their exceptional contributions to the success of the 2015 Rodeo. Polly Chike chaired the Tickets committee and helped automate the Rodeo ticketing process. Marc Taylor joined this year as the Chair of the Facilities committee, and was instrumental in improvements to the bleachers and other facilities. Tammy Romeo and Joyce Nieman, both new to the Production committee this year, worked tirelessly to make sure the arena operations were seamless and safe. 100 additional people were honored as first time volunteers, as their time and dedication resulted in the successful Rodeo in 2015.

-- See page two for winners.

Rodeo Awards

Rookie of the Year	Tammy Romeo and Joyce Nieman
Top Hand	Marc Taylor
President's Award	Polly Chike

Committee MVP Awards

Advertising	Karen Carter
Community Relations	Carol Williams
Community Rodeo	Jay Wrede
Entertainment	Tom Gillaspie
Facilities	Zane Card
Hospitality	Jim Holland/Lu Holland
Merchandising	Nichole Kirkelie
Production	Ron Howard
Royalty	Camille Courtney
Security	Sean Michael
Social	Joel Birchem
Sponsorship	Deshane Williams
Tickets	Lori Guardado
Vendors	Tamara Guercio
Web	Merrill Adams

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The Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo is held each year in Elizabeth during the first weekend in June. Join us on June 2, 3, 4, & 5 for the 2016 Stampede.

Over nearly 30 years as a PRCA Rodeo, the Elizabeth Stampede has established itself as a top regional Rodeo in the Colorado/Wyoming PRCA Mountain States Circuit being voted by the Circuit's membership as the Top Small and Medium Rodeo 12 times, most recently for 2015. The Stampede has been voted by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association membership in the USA and three Canadian provinces as the PRCA Small Rodeo of the Year three times. With exceptional ground, our rodeo was also voted by the Women's Professional Rodeo Association Board of Directors as Small Rodeo of the Year in 2013.

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