

Media Advisory

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Senator Jake Garn to Speak on Restoring Civility in the Political Arena

Former U.S. Senator Jake Garn will be the keynote speaker at the Coalition for Utah's Future 12th annual Common Good Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 10th, at the Little America Hotel (500 South Main Street) in Salt Lake City, starting at 11:30 a.m. Senator Garn has served the people of Utah for more than 50 years and will speak on finding common ground and restoring civility in the political arena.

We're excited this year to honor the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Utah (NAMI Utah) and Robert and Katharine Garff for their contributions to the common good of our community. NAMI Utah has provided resources to help individuals dealing with mental illness and their caregivers. NAMI Utah offers seven free programs that provide support, education and advocacy for those living with mental illness, their families, and the community. Last year, over 13,000 people directly benefited from NAMI Utah programs. Countless others benefited from their work to raise awareness and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, and to foster hope.

The Garffs have sought to improve the community through service. They have shared their time, experience and wisdom while leading some of Utah's most recognized organizations, including the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Winter Olympics, American Cancer Society, Utah State Board of Regents, Utah Shakespearean Festival, Utah State Board of Education and the Utah Legislature.

The Coalition created the Common Good Awards in 1996 to recognize organizations whose values and actions benefit the community as a whole. The Coalition's largest project, Envision Utah, has helped Utah communities protect Utah's quality of life, economic strength, and natural beauty for future generations. We are celebrating the Coalition's 20th anniversary of finding common ground for the common good in Utah.

Tickets are still available. Individual tickets are \$50 and a table is \$500 (\$32 per ticket or \$320 per table is tax deductible). Checks should be made out to the Coalition for Utah's Future. The luncheon generates funding for the Coalition's general operations as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

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