

Pioneer Award

THE LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY 2021



STATUE OF JOHN BREAUX ON FRONT STREET.

In March of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the shut down of businesses and work places across the U.S. and the world. Louisville residents, businesses, and schools, lived and worked through varying levels of quarantine and social-distancing for most of 2020 and into 2021. On December 30, 2021, the Marshall Fire swept through Louisville, Superior, and unincorporated Boulder County, destroying over 1,000 homes and forcing short and long-term displacement of hundreds of residents.

For 2021, the Commission considered all of the extraordinary ways in which residents, business owners, and those who work in Louisville persevered together to get through a difficult time during the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020 and 2021, and decided to honor the entire community with this award. No one could have predicted that on the next-to-last day of the year, Louisville would be further tested by the worst wildfire in Colorado history that would destroy hundreds of area homes. Since the fire, the community has once again revealed its generous and optimistic spirit through a multitude of charitable acts as well as many quiet expressions of support for affected neighbors. Thank you, Louisville community.