



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Pueblo, CO** – *The 2008 Thunderbowl Flag Football Tournament will kick off December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Colorado State University – Pueblo. Limited to twelve teams for the inaugural event, the Thunderbowl will begin Saturday with a round robin bracket to determine seeding for the single elimination tournament beginning Sunday morning. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.*

*Winners of the event will receive tournament hoodies and shorts while second place will receive tournament hoodies. The event's board of directors will also select an All-Tournament team of 8 offensive & 8 defensive players, all of whom will receive a tournament beanie.*

*Both semi-final games and the championship game will be played at CSU-Pueblo's new state of the art football stadium, the Neta & Eddie DeRose Thunderbowl. Live play by play will be provided by KCSJ for all three games, and will be streamed online.*

*What began as a fundraising idea for the Pueblo Marriott's quarterly charitable event, the Thunderbowl flag football tournament has quickly gained legitimacy in only its first year. With permission from the MCFFU, points can be earned at the Thunderbowl for seeding in the World Championships in Las Vegas. Beginning in 2009, organizers hope to sanction the event as a qualifier for the National Championships in Denver, CO. In addition, all proceeds from the tournament will be given to the local chapter of Young Life.*

*Registration for the event will be handled by Dalton Sprouse at the Pueblo Marriott. Entry fee's for the event are \$360.00 per team and include a t-shirt for each player and a complimentary dinner on Saturday night. Discounted hotel rooms are also available at the Pueblo Marriott to offset one of the largest expenses for out of town teams. Dalton may be reached at [Dalton.sprouse@pueblomarriott.com](mailto:Dalton.sprouse@pueblomarriott.com) or (719) 296-3081.*