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**Louisville Entrepreneur Wins Award
for Unique Business Model Supporting Local Social Sustainability
*Darlene Henke of Audit Logistics Honored by Hope House of Colorado***

Founder and President of Audit Logistics, Darlene Henke goes big or doesn't go at all.

At the helm of Audit Logistics, a Louisville-based logistics firm servicing the hospitality industry in 22 countries, Henke has made her mark in her career as an innovative entrepreneur. In fact, Henke is internationally recognized as a leading expert in the hospitality sector.

However, Henke's passion and commitment extends beyond business as usual.

Determined to give back to the local community, Henke has created a unique business model that features a partnership with Hope House of Colorado, a local, grassroots nonprofit organization. As a part of this effort to support local social sustainability, Henke volunteers company resources to assist Hope House.

"Giving back to the community we live in is part of the culture of the 60-plus employees at Audit Logistics," says Henke. **"By participating in volunteer programs at Hope House during work hours, it gives our employees the ability to give back without interfering with family time outside of work."**

Henke has led the way, helping Hope House raise \$25,000 in corporate sponsorships and providing volunteer childcare in the Early Learning Program at Hope House.

Her dedication has inspired many of the employees at Audit Logistics to jump on board – made all the simpler due to the fact that Henke has partnered with Hope House to create volunteer opportunities that also function as team building exercises.

For example, for the last 18 months, Audit Logistics has bought, prepared, and delivered a monthly lunch for up to 20 teen moms who are taking Parenting or Healthy Relationships workshops at Hope House. Recently 10 employees participated together to provide a taco bar.

Audit Logistics employees have also teamed up to collect children's books, sponsor Hope House teen moms and kids at Christmas, and support a Backpack Drive.

"Many of our employees did not have volunteering experience prior to joining the company, and the programs we participate with at Hope House give them the opportunity to volunteer and more importantly, see how it can make a difference in someone's life," said Henke.

Awarded the Marv Giddings Award by Hope House on April 18, Henke made it clear that she strongly believes in the teen moms at Hope House who are working hard to become healthy parents who are both economically and personally independent.

“The business model Darlene Henke has forged reflects extraordinary dedication,” said Lisa Steven, Founder & Executive Director. “She has empowered her employees to make a tangible difference in the local community, and it is our absolute privilege to partner with Audit Logistics.”

Photo caption 1: Darlene Henke receiving the Marve Giddings Award from Lisa Schlarbaum, Director of Development for Hope House of Colorado, on April 18.

Photo caption 2: Darlene Henke is the Founder and President of Audit Logistics, a Louisville-based logistics firm servicing the hospitality industry in 22 countries.

Photo 3: Audit Logistics employee Brandon Buse prepares food for a taco bar for the teen moms at Hope House of Colorado.

Photo 4: Audit Logistics employees Rachel Lyon, Madeline Norton, and Brandon Buse take part in a team building exercise as they prepare food for Hope House.

Photo 5: Audit Logistics employees Rachel Lyon and Madeline Norton volunteering during work hours for Hope House.

About Audit Logistics, LLC: A Denver-based global freight, warehouse, installation, and recycling management company that mainly services the hospitality industry in over 22 countries around the world. The company benefits hotel owners by offering web-based reporting, low costs, and green programs for both freight and warehousing. More information at www.auditlogistics.com.

About Hope House of Colorado: Hope House of Colorado is metro-Denver's only resource providing free self-sufficiency programs to teen moms, including Residential, GED and College & Career Support services. Additional supportive services include parenting and life skills classes, healthy relationship classes, financial literacy workshops and certified counseling, all designed to prepare them for long-term independence. Hope House relies on numerous volunteers and local business partnerships to accomplish its mission. Hopehouseofcolorado.org.

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