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Media Advisory

Blind students show off tool handling skills at woodshop dedication

Table saws, routers and sanders are just some of the power tools blind students learn how to use at the Colorado Center for the Blind. This week, students are showcasing their woodworking skills at a dedication ceremony to celebrate the Center's newly remodeled woodshop, made possible with \$33,225 of Community Development Block Grant Funds approved by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners, and matching funds of \$33, 225 from the City of Centennial.

"This woodshop is invaluable in helping our students find out firsthand that blindness doesn't have to stand in the way of full participation in life," said Julie Deden, Executive Director for the Colorado Center for the Blind. "We teach our students to push past their fears through a variety of learning methods to help them gain confidence and learn to compete on equal terms with sighted peers."

The Colorado Center for the Blind is based on the philosophy of the National Federation of the Blind which encourages students to learn from positive blind role models to take on tasks independently. For more information about CCB, contact Julie Deden at 303-778-1130.

There is a photography / video opportunity for the media during the woodshop dedication. For more information, contact Katrina Seymour at 303-636-1945:

When: Wednesday August 24, 10 a.m.
Where: 2233 W. Shepperd Ave., Littleton, CO 80120
What: **Woodshop demonstration.** Blind students will demonstrate using woodshop tools including table saws, routers and sanders, during a dedication to celebrate the opening of the newly remodeled workshop.

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