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Jonathan Lapworth

Senior Tax Consultant, Stockman Kast Ryan



Jonathan Lapworth is a senior tax consultant and certified public accountant with Stockman Kast Ryan & Co.

Lapworth's niche is developing strong client relationships, and he has extensive experience with individual, business and corporate tax preparation. He also assists new and existing businesses with expansion to other states or regions.

As treasurer of the Wild Forever Foundation in Colorado, Lapworth has helped support rehabilitation effort for wild animals in metro areas as well as in the wild, and provides educational information regarding injured or orphaned wildlife. He also participates in fundraising efforts as a member of the Colorado Springs Kiwanis club.

His wife's name is Angela.

During his free time, Lapworth enjoys playing ice hockey, classical piano and classical guitar.

Justin Leveille

Chief Operating Officer, The Corundum Group



As chief operating officer for The Corundum Group, Justin Leveille manages the day-to-day operations of the securities and exchange-regulated registered investment advisory firm that has about \$600 million in assets under management.

He has developed custom tools to integrate data reported from various custodians and software systems and implemented and integrated new document management software housing sensitive client documents.

A graduate of Notre Dame University in business administration, he holds a master's degree in business administration.

Justin has also assisted in rewriting a compliance manual and program to update U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission regulations.

Outside business hours, he has cared for a developmentally disabled adult and has been involved with Roundup Fellowship, an organization for the developmentally disabled. He also is among the United Way's Leaders in Giving and table captain for Friends of Scouting for the Boy Scouts of America.

Aimee Liotino

Volunteer Center Manager, Pikes Peak United Way



Aimee Liotino knows she can make a difference — and she wants you to also.

As volunteer center manager at Pikes Peak United Way, she oversees 133 agencies that register and request community volunteers. She coordinates the largest volunteer effort in the Pikes Peak region, "Make a Difference Month," which involves several thousand volunteers. She took the movement a step further with the days of service event that creates awareness of volunteer opportunities year-round.

From serving on the Bear Creek Dog Park Advisory Board to creating the Women Build committee for Habitat for Humanity, Liotino's days are filled with community service.

She volunteers for the Pikes Peak Humane Society, the Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon, DreamPower Animal Rescue and was on the DreamCity 2020 committee.

Liotino has a degree in broadcast journalism from Pittsburgh State University.

Kristen McGee

Development Director, Northern Churches Care



As development director for Northern Churches Care, Kristen McGee wears many hats.

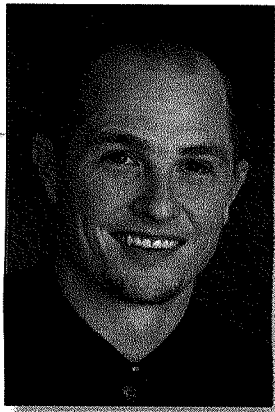
She creates and coordinates events. She has created marketing tools, including a newsletter, the organization's annual report, and its Web site. She researches, writes grants and serves on the board of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

McGee honed her skills during a two-year stint as an El Pomar Foundation fellow. She was one of a handful of successful applicants selected from a national pool. During that time, she served as director of the El Pomar Youth in Community Service program, leading a staff of 21 and overseeing 140 high school clubs in 50 Colorado counties.

"Everyone wants to work with her," said Andy Petersen, who nominated McGee as a Rising Star. "Not only is she a joy to work with, but she has strong ideas that work. Her attention to detail is a true blessing."

Mike McNew

President and CEO, McNew and Associates, Inc.



Mike McNew might operate out of Colorado Springs, but he has clients across the country.

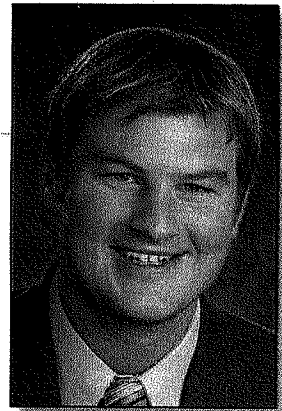
McNew is running an ever-expanding government contracts consulting firm and recently secured his firm as a subcontractor on the AMCOM Express contract, said his wife Lisanne McNew, who is a University of Colorado director of placement and who also nominated her husband as a Rising Star.

McNew is a member of the Colorado Homeland Defense Alliance, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce Small Business Advisory Council and the Colorado Springs Technology Incubator.

McNew and his wife Lisanne have two sons, Landon, 6, and Rylan, 3.

Jon Rick

Vice president Operations/partner, Integrated Lawn and Tree Care



Jon Rick puts his money where the median is.

Rick, vice president of operations and partner of Integrated Lawn and Tree Care, adopted all the medians along Cascade Avenue, from Jackson to Uintah streets.

Rick, who has a bachelor's degree in business finance from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, is a certified operator in turf and ornamental spraying.

"He is one of seven certified turf grass professionals in Colorado for cool season lawns, which involves passing two proctored exams covering all aspects of caring for turf," said Hoff and Leigh President Tim Leigh, who nominated Rick as a Rising Star.

In addition to adopting medians, Rick helped organize a clothing drive for the homeless with Timberline Landscaping and helped sponsor a golf tournament for Hope and Home. Rick also donated his services to local charity auctions, including "a family affair," which raised more than \$100,000.

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