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**Evans, CO** – Lit'l Bit Bar and Grill raised \$1,300.00 to benefit Envision. Owners Deb Nelson and Barb Solivais said they chose Envision because a group of individuals that participate in Supported Community Connections program at Envision come play pool frequently at their establishment and "we love having them here." To show their support, Nelson and Solivais hosted three fundraisers: a chili cook-off, Bar Olympics and a sold-out Black Hawk casino bus trip all to support the people they have grown fond of visiting. Envision Day Program Mentor, Kim Nix (pictured right), was overwhelmed to tears by the outpouring of generosity shown by not only Nelson and Solivais, but also by the patrons of Lit'l Bit.



*A group of people supported through Envision's Supported Community Connections program playing pool at Lit'l Bit Bar and Grill*

**ABOUT LIT'L BIT BAR AND GRILL:**

Lit'l Bit Bar and Grill is a restaurant with a fully stocked bar, dance floor, and game room located at 3620 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Evans. Owners Deb Nelson and Barb Solivais are a dynamic pair that have been best friends for several years. Prior to opening the bar and grill, Nelson worked at Hewlett-Packard for 27 years before being laid-off and Solivais spent a decade as a dental hygienist. Over time, Lit'l Bit Bar and Grill has grown to be a huge success with 18 employees and offering tons of fun events including pool leagues, bar Olympics, Broncos Sundays, trivia games, and so much more. Nelson and Solivais have been focused on making Lit'l Bit Bar and Grill a safe and comfortable place for both men and women while also being able to contribute to the community.

**ABOUT ENVISION:**

Envision is the Community Centered Board (CCB) serving Weld County, one of 20 such entities in the State of Colorado. Every year, Envision provides case management and a diverse set of person-centered services that support more than 2,300 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) or delays and their families in Weld County annually. Envision is dedicated to providing programs and services that promote inclusion based on person centered practices focused on full participation in home and community life.

Through in-house programs and contracts with a network of more than 69 provider agencies, professionals, community businesses and other services, Envision facilitates a comprehensive support program in a broad spectrum of settings, including the person or family home, 24-hour on-site staff, scheduled support staff, host homes and group homes. Services may include the provision of living environments, therapies, transportation related to services, medication administration and monitoring, ancillary medical care, meal preparation, daily living skills, personal care, access to community services, interpersonal relationships, recreation and leisure activities, group and individual supported employment, adaptive equipment, home modification, and more.

Below are a few more ways that Envision's services help Colorado:

- Helps infants and toddlers with developmental delays catch up with their peers
- Keeps children at home with their families instead of being placed in out-of-home locations
- Assists adults to live a life of their own design; supports adults so they can work and volunteer in their community
- Provides cost-effective care for people whose families can no longer care for them
- Saves taxpayer dollars by arranging for targeted assistance to prevent a negative chain of events
- Allows parents and families to remain stable, employed and on private health insurance

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