EDWARDS FAMILY TO BE HONORED AS RMC PHILANTHROPISTS 2012

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BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College will honor the Cliff Edwards family with the 2012 Philanthropist of the Year Award at a reception, Wednesday, August 29, 2012, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the Great Room of Prescott Hall.

RMC President Michael Mace said Cliff and Susan Edwards, Chris and Kelly Edwards, and John and Hollis Edwards are being honored “not only for the family’s generous financial contributions, but also because of their delightful presence and support of RMC’s functions over many years.”

In 2011, the Edwards family contributed $650,000 to RMC via a property exchange that provided RMC with a permanent home for its aircraft and flight operations at Edwards Jet Center near Billings International Airport. The Edwards Law Office secured a site to build a new office building at Poly and 17th.

“When we finalized the exchange of property, it actually created a gift of $650,000 to Rocky Mountain College,” said Mace. “The $650,000 is the difference between the values of the properties. This was a very generous gift from the Edwards family.

Locating close to the RMC campus made the Edwards family “very happy,” Cliff Edwards said.

“We feel like we are literally part of the RMC campus which makes it more special to us,” he said.

The new building even incorporated architectural features similar to the RMC iconic buildings.

Cliff Edwards said his family has always had a high regard for the college because of close contact with students who have worked at Edwards Jet.

“For more than 11 years, we’ve appreciated the level of professionalism of the Rocky students who have worked for us. They’ve been integral to our work force and they’re simply excellent,” Edwards said.

Edwards also praised the equestrian program, where his daughter-in-law Hollis has been integral to the therapeutic riding program.
“It’s a mutual admiration society between our college and the Edwards family,” Mace said. “It is with absolute pleasure that we celebrate their service and generosity.

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