



Business Hall of Fame inductees named

Springs' Steve Schuck among honored luminaries

The Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain will add six new inductees in 2023 to the Colorado Business Hall of Fame. They will be inducted at the 33rd Colorado Business Hall of Fame dinner, Feb. 6, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center.

"Colorado Business Hall of Fame laureates are part of a league of remarkable individuals who have made legendary contributions to the free enterprise system," said Robin Wise, president and CEO of JA-Rocky Mountain.

"Through their actions and accomplishments, the laureates were selected for their enduring entrepreneurial efforts and business excellence, ethical standards and philanthropic contributions in moving Colorado in a stronger direction. They are outstanding role models for the next generation as they take the reins of leadership in the years to come."

The 2023 class includes leaders in a variety of industries, including computer consulting and programming, real estate and architectural development, oil and gas, and mutual fund management.

The 2023 Colorado Business Hall of Fame inductees are:

• The late **Bill Berger**, who helped establish Denver as one of

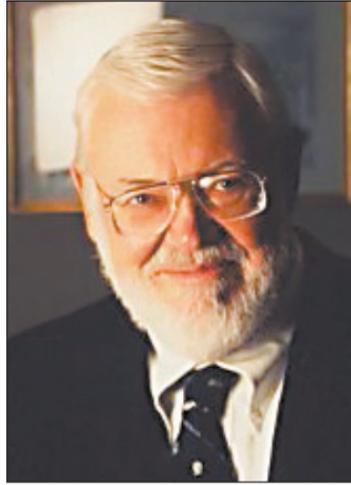
the largest mutual fund centers outside of New York and Boston and had a hand in the growth of at least three families of mutual funds.

• **Mary Pat Link**, a leader in innovation and champion for nonprofits for over 40 years. She founded Interlink Group, later acquired by Dell Computer, and now serves alongside her husband, John Strohm, as a founding member and managing partner of Farrell-Roeh Group.

• **Jay Anthony Precourt**, founder of five highly successful start-up energy companies, including a NYSE company that sold in 12 years for 21 times the initial investment, and another for 24 times in five years.

• The late **Frederick Ross**, who founded Frederick Ross & Co. in 1888—a real estate company that touched almost every corner of Colorado. The company, now called Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, has built Denver's skyline for over 125 years.

• **Steve Schuck**, who founded Schuck Communities, now Schuck Chapman Companies, over 50 years ago. Throughout his stellar career, Schuck has had more than 50 joint ventures and partnerships, creating and developing thousands of residential home sites and scores of commercial projects in the Denver, Colorado Springs, Portland and Phoenix markets, valued in bil-



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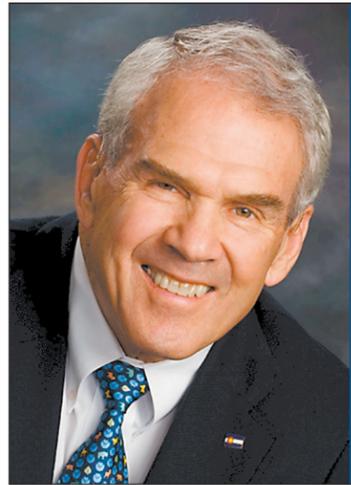
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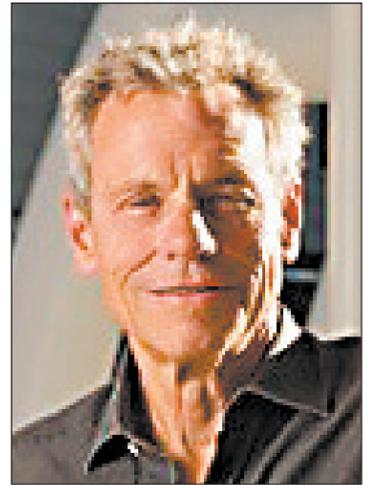
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lions of dollars.

• **Mark Smith**, with 50 years' experience in real estate develop-

ment, sales and marketing. He is a founding principal and managing partner of Slifer Smith and Framp-

ton and was a founding principal of both East West Partners and Union Station Neighborhood Co.

Israeli crowdfunding firm addresses health inequity

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The Israeli global crowdfunding venture firm OurCrowd announced last week its launch of a \$200 million Global Health Equity Fund. News of

the collaboration with the WHO (World Health Organization) Foundation was shared at this year's Clinton Global Initiative in New York City on the sidelines of the United

Nations General Assembly.

The fund will focus on health-care solutions with a potentially global impact.

"COVID-19 was a wake-up call for me as an investor," said Jon Medved, founder and CEO of OurCrowd. "The pandemic opened my eyes to health inequity around the world and reinforced the potential of innovative technology to save lives."

The Global Health Equity Fund (GHEF) will target companies focused on innovation in health-care and related industries that directly affect health, including energy transition and agriculture.

"I am proud of our track record of identifying healthcare investments that have delivered value to patients and investors. This new fund builds on that success with the explicit orientation of having impact," said Medved. "The collaboration with the WHO Foundation will allow us to identify even more exciting investments and facilitate the commitment of investors and entrepreneurs to equitable access to the technologies we support."

OurCrowd is aligning its fund with the WHO Foundation's Access Pledge in order to provide solutions to populations experiencing inequity. Any company selected by the GHEF will develop an Access Plan for their solutions and OurCrowd and the WHO will support them with an advisory board.

"Despite clear models for successfully balancing economic return with equitable access, such as the provi-



Jon Medved

sion of medicines for HIV and AIDS, the world failed to deliver solutions for COVID-19 to everyone, everywhere," said WHO Foundation CEO Anil Soni. "It is imperative that we deploy solutions in response to

gies we support."

OurCrowd has already invested in around 350 companies, making it one of Israel's most active investors. Since it was founded in 2013, OurCrowd has received over \$1.9 billion in commitments, and deployed capital into more than 347 portfolio companies and 39 funds across five continents.

Notable OurCrowd investments in health, energy and agtech and foodtech include Alpha Tau Medical, which focuses on treating solid malignant tumors; BrainQ, a non-invasive technology to treat stroke and other neurological pathologies; H2Pro, a system for the wide-scale production of green hydrogen; and Beyond Meat, which develops and manufactures a plant-based meat substitute.

"As we face multiple existential challenges at the national and at the global level, we know that innovators and emerging leaders are getting things done," said Greg Milne, CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative.

The Global Health Equity Fund will help unlock new opportunities to expand the reach of these innovative approaches around global health, by harnessing the power of investors around the world to support solutions being driven at the community level."

Medved will lead the GHEF team together with OurCrowd Managing Partner Morris Laster and the firm's team of clinical experts. WHO Foundation's Impact Investment Officer Geetha Tharmaratnam will provide support.

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that failure, including directing investment to innovation and aligning both to equity as a goal from the start."

OurCrowd has long invested in medical startups, but Medved said that the collaboration with the WHO Foundation "will allow us to identify even more exciting investments and facilitate the commitment of investors and entrepreneurs to equitable access to the technol-

WRJ's Rabbi Feldman to retire after 10 years



Rabbi Marla J. Feldman

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) announced that its executive director of 10 years, Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, will retire on June 30, 2023.

Feldman, who is both a Reform rabbi and lawyer, became the executive director of WRJ in 2012, following 10 years of other leadership positions in the Reform movement, including director of development for the Union for Reform Judaism

(URJ) and director of the commission on social action of Reform Judaism.

WRJ President Sara Charney said:

"Rabbi Feldman's retirement next summer will be a bittersweet moment for all of us at WRJ. During her tenure, she has challenged us to embrace new opportunities and move in new directions, even as she has upheld our historic mission to embrace the power of sisterhood, engage women fully in Jewish life, and lift up the voice of women to seek justice for all."

Prior to working with the Reform Movement, Feldman worked in the Jewish community relations field in Delaware and Detroit and served congregations in Sarasota and Orlando, Fla.

Feldman is the author of the upcoming book *Biblical Women Speak: Hearing Their Voices through New and Ancient Midrash* (JPS, anticipated 2023). She has published numerous articles about the role of women in Jewish life and social justice issues and served as guest editor of the *CCAR Journal's* Spring-Summer 2021 symposium on Gender in Jewish Life and co-guest editor of the Fall, 2018, symposium on Pay Equity. ■