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NEWS RELEASE

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Glenwood Park Renamed in Honor of Longtime Local Tom Sullivan

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The community is invited to attend the official dedication of the renamed Sullivan Park at 1500 Mountain Dr. on Saturday, June 2. Formerly known as Glenwood Park, the soccer/rugby field and basketball court have been renamed in honor of longtime local, Tom Sullivan.

The newly built, custom-designed Sullivan Park sign will be unveiled at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Defiance Rugby Club's 2nd Annual Sullivan's Showdown. The event will feature a friendly rugby match, family-friendly activities, a food truck and beverages. Donations will be collected at the event for the Valley View Cancer Fund to help support local families with basic needs during cancer treatment. There is also a "You Caring" site set up for the Sullivan Family at: www.youcaring.com/thesullivanfamily-805132.

The renaming of the park was an effort led by former soccer players and friends of Tom Sullivan to honor and thank him for his years of dedication. Sullivan was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer just over a year ago. Sullivan has lived adjacent to the park for over 35 years and has been appropriately referred to as the "keeper" of soccer/rugby field. Sullivan has spent countless volunteer hours coaching and mentoring young men and women at the field.

Sullivan began his soccer coaching career in Glenwood Springs in the 1980s. He was instrumental in the creation of the women's soccer program at Glenwood Springs High School and coached Glenwood's premier women's U-16 through U-18 Purple Pride soccer team in the 1990s. More recently, Sullivan coached and participated with the Defiance Rugby Club. He has voluntarily mentored and trained several athletes during the offseason. Prior to coaching, he was also a standout football player in high school and at Ohio State University.

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