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**FREE Strawberries and Ice Cream To Celebrate Glenwood Chamber as
National Chamber of the Year Finalist**

*Free sundaes given away at Community Banks of Colorado parking lot
Friday, Sept. 12 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.*

Glenwood Springs, CO... The Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association is a finalist for 2008 Chamber of the Year, and they'd like to celebrate with the entire community by distributing free strawberries and ice cream! Free strawberry sundaes will be served on Friday, September 12 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Community Banks of Colorado, located at 1810 Grand Avenue. Glenwood Springs City Council has declared Friday, September 12, Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association Day in Glenwood Springs.

"This is an honor for then entire community," said President & CEO Marianne Virgili. "We'd like to thank everyone by serving up our signature dish: strawberries and ice cream. Chamber board, staff, ambassadors and volunteers will be distributing free berries and ice cream on Grand Avenue, so the public is invited to stop by on their way home from work."

The American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) Chamber of the Year award is the nation's only award recognizing the dual role chambers have in creating both leading businesses and communities. ACCE reports, "Finalists have demonstrated their success in community leadership and organizational strength by being among the top in the nation for financial and membership growth as well as making a demonstrable impact on key community priorities in areas like economic opportunities, education, transportation, healthcare and, and cultural vitality."

The Glenwood Chamber competed in the \$200,000 to \$499,999 dues income category, and was one of three finalists selected. The two other finalists were Davenport, IA and Joplin, MO. This is the third time that the GSCRA has qualified as a finalist for this prestigious award, having qualified in 1996 and 2000.

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About the Glenwood Springs Chamber: The GSCRA is located in the heart of the downtown at 1102 Grand Avenue in Glenwood Springs, CO, the Glenwood Springs Chamber is a not-for-profit organization with over 655 members. Mission: The purpose of the GSCRA is to provide leadership, promote commerce, encourage measured growth and continue to support such endeavors which will enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information, or to become a chamber member phone 945-6589 or visit us on the web www.glenwoodchamber.com.