



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Aftersight's Fourth Annual "Audio Trekker" Hike for Individuals Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision**

**Boulder, CO – July 27, 2024** – Aftersight is proud to announce its fourth annual "Audio Trekker" hike, empowering those who are blind or have low vision to experience the beauty of the Colorado Rockies. The hike will start at Meyers Gulch Trailhead in Boulder, Colorado, bringing together participants of all ages from across the state, each with unique abilities and hiking experiences.

Supported by specially trained sighted guides, the hikers will receive assistance ranging from vocal cues to sighted guiding as they summit. Inspired by Erik Weihenmayer, the first blind person to summit Mount Everest, this event highlights the resilience and determination of the participants. Proceeds from sponsors, donors, and ticket sales will fund essential resources and services for individuals who are blind or have low vision throughout Colorado.

For some participants, this will be a new experience. For others, it represents a return to a beloved activity after losing vision. Each hiker is motivated by their unique journey, whether it's the sense of freedom they feel when they say, "On a mountain, my blindness fades away," or the desire "To be active and reconnect with people!"

This year, Aftersight is offering a nature bathing meditation at the base of the hike for those who prefer a different way to enjoy the outdoors. This session will provide a full sensory experience.

#### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Saturday, July 27, 2027. 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM MDT
- **Location:** Meyers Gulch Trailhead at Walker Ranch, Boulder, CO. 5 miles total.
- **Registration:** Tickets start at \$50, with scholarships available

#### **Additional Highlights:**

- Breakfast and lunch included
- Opportunities to volunteer
- Various sponsorship packages available to support the event and Aftersight's mission

To learn more about the hike visit [www.aftersight.org/hike](http://www.aftersight.org/hike) or call 303-786-7777.

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