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## **Colorado Qualifying House Students Complete Forklift Training with Support from ROP Scholarship and DYS**

Thanks to the generous support of the ROP's Roger Allott Memorial Scholarship Foundation, four Q-House students recently completed a comprehensive forklift training course. The scholarship funds made it possible for the majority of the students to participate at no cost. When a fifth student was added to the class at the last minute, the Northeast Region of the Division of Youth Services (DYS) stepped in to cover the cost, ensuring that all five students could benefit from this valuable opportunity.

Throughout the training, all students fully engaged in the three-part curriculum: Classroom Instruction, Safety Inspection, and Hands-On Driving Drills. Each component was designed to build both the knowledge and practical skills needed to safely and effectively operate a forklift. Instructor Mr. Troutman, who led the training, expressed his enthusiasm for continuing to support Q-House students. He shared that he will be sending out a follow-up email containing a list of businesses in the Denver Metro area known to hire individuals with forklift certification or experience—providing a clear path from training to employment.

Special thanks go to Erin Walsh, Transition Specialist, for her outstanding coordination and facilitation of this event. Her efforts were key in making this opportunity a reality for the Q-House students. This initiative highlights the power of collaboration between scholarship programs, regional support from DYS, and dedicated professionals like Erin Walsh and Mr. Troutman to open real-world opportunities for youth in transitional programs.