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On September 29, Central Colorado Conservancy will host its annual event and fundraiser at Hutchinson Ranch in Poncha Springs.

Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak to the importance of private lands conservation and conservation easements for maintaining Colorado's wildlife and natural resources. Dan will also share an update on our state's efforts to increase support for farmers, ranchers and others who protect our land and water.

The event, which starts at 5:30 pm, will also feature local food and beverages, a silent and live auction of unique items and experiences, live music, and opportunities for conservation-minded community members to connect. Details are available at <https://www.centralcoloradoconservancy.org/annual-event>.

This annual get-together - with the theme of Home Grown - is all about supporting conservation and the things we love most about Central Colorado. Together with those who support conservation, we will:

- Celebrate – the lands and waters that provide ecological, social and economic benefits to our community
- Invest – to ensure everyone has a chance to experience the Central Colorado we love – today and in the future
- Conserve – to protect, enhance and restore our resources

This event is also the Conservancy's largest and most important fundraiser of the year. Funds raised at the annual event fuels the Conservancy's work year-round, helping to protect, enhance and restore the lands and waters that provide ecological, social and economic benefits to local communities. All are invited to attend. Your attendance will provide invaluable support and ensure the Conservancy remains sustainable and impactful.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and are on sale until September 28, or until the event sells out. To purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.centralcoloradoconservancy.org/annual-event>. For more information about the event, to become an event sponsor, or to volunteer, please email info@centralcoloradoconservancy.org or call 719-539-7700.

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