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## **CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF CHAD ROBINSON**

### **Paige Robinson continues on after losing her husband to an industrial accident**

SALT LAKE CITY, August 17, 2010—Paige Robinson is the mother of four, a widow, and she's going back to school. In 2004, Paige lost her husband and high school sweetheart, Chad, in a workplace accident. On August 13, 2004, Chad was working on a water main in Saratoga Springs. He had finished his work and went to turn on the main water valve when a car hit him.

Chad and Paige Robinson met at American Fork High School, where Chad played four sports. He was the quarterback for the football team, the center for the basketball team, the catcher for the baseball team, and he ran track—because Paige was on the track team.

After graduation, Chad played football for Ricks College and then BYU. He signed with the New York Giants after college but his career was cut short due to shoulder and elbow injuries. Chad and Paige were married in December of 1988 and were excited about their future together. They seemed to have it all.

"I couldn't understand how it was possible for the world to keep turning without Chad. My children were 1, 7, 10, and 13 when Chad died. He loved spending time with me and the kids. He enjoyed team roping with his sons and riding horses. He was such a positive influence in the lives of so many people. He had literally hundreds of friends and everybody just loved him," says Paige.

"Chad had a work ethic that was contagious. I knew that he expected me to square my shoulders and keep moving forward with our lives and to make him proud."

"It was a very difficult time for our family after Chad died. I was left with our four young children and no education or professional skills to support my family. Six years later, I am in the position to start pursuing my education and I am looking to the future. I am grateful that WCF is giving me this opportunity to pursue my education and better my situation for my family. I want to be a good example to my children and show them the importance of education. Chad would be so proud of what I am doing and that helps motivate me to continue on. You never know what challenges you might have in life, you've got to be prepared to face those challenges head on."

Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) awarded scholarships to Paige and 47 other recipients on August 11, 2010 at the Little America Hotel as part of its Legacy of Learning Scholarship Program. Each scholarship recipient has lost a spouse or parent in an industrial accident.

“A workplace accident or injury can change your life and your family’s life forever. Our hearts go out to those families who have suffered the devastating loss of a loved one in a work-related accident,” said Ray Pickup, president and CEO of WCF. “We created the Legacy of Learning Scholarship Program to provide opportunities to spouses and children of workers who have lost their lives in work-related accidents. In a small way, this program provides WCF an opportunity to honor those who have passed away by helping their loved ones obtain an education.”

Recipients can use their scholarships to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. Since 1990, WCF has awarded over 1000 scholarships, valued in excess of \$1.3 million. Some are first-time recipients, others are receiving their second, third, fourth, or even fifth scholarship. Many are the only recipients in their family, while others have multiple family members who have participated in the program.

Richard Paul Evans was the keynote speaker at this year’s Legacy of Learning event.

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