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NEWS RELEASE

The Women's Foundation of Colorado Names Barbara Bridges As New Board Chair

DENVER, COLO. (April 12, 2013)— The Women's Foundation of Colorado announces Barbara Bridges is the organization's new Board of Trustees Chair for 2013. The Women's Foundation of Colorado is a Denver-based nonprofit focused on building resources and leading change so that every woman and girl in Colorado achieves her full potential.

Bridges is President of the Barbara Bridges Family Foundation which supports organizations focused on women, children and peace. She joined The Women's Foundation of Colorado's Board of Trustees in 2008 and has been an active volunteer and supporter in many roles. Her term as Board Chair began April 1 and ends December 31, 2013.

"I'm honored to serve as Board Chair for The Women's Foundation of Colorado," said Barbara Bridges. "The Women's Foundation brings women together to give them a bigger voice to effect social change. We have ambitious plans this year to further our mission across the state."

Bridges succeeds Carol Burt, principal of Burt-Hilliard Investments, who served as Board Chair beginning in 2012 through March 31, 2013. Burt will remain on the Board of Trustees as Immediate Past Chair and Co-Chair of the Governance Committee. Board Chair Elect for 2014 is Cathy J. Hart, Vice President, Business Services and Corporate Secretary for Xcel Energy Inc.

"Carol Burt is a superior leader and ambassador for The Women's Foundation of Colorado," added Bridges. "We were fortunate to have Carol's leadership this past year. During her tenure The Women's Foundation realized great progress in its strategic plan execution along with record-breaking grantmaking levels and fundraising successes."

The power of stories, the strength of women and the need for social justice are all sources of strength and passion for Bridges. She also founded the Women+Film program for The Denver Film Society, a nonprofit organization that uses films by women to entertain, educate and promote action.

Bridges has been an entrepreneur, businesswoman and sponsor of many nonprofit organizations, particularly those involving women's issues. She is currently involved with the Women's Forum and Women Moving Millions and will be recognized in May 2013 by *Women's eNews* as one of "21 Leaders for the 21st Century." She is the mother of two grown sons.

PeaceJam presented Bridges with its inaugural PeaceJam Hero Award, and she has received the Girl Scouts of Colorado's Woman of Distinction Award. Bridges has been a sponsor and/or board member for many important organizations including the Children's Hospital of Denver, Wyatt Edison Charter School, the Denver aquarium and "The Bridges Broadcast Center," which is Colorado Public Radio's headquarters.

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About The Women's Foundation of Colorado

The mission of The Women's Foundation of Colorado is to build resources and lead change so that every woman and girl in Colorado achieves her full potential. We are committed to boldly leading systemic change to advance economic opportunity for all women and girls in Colorado; using research to build knowledge and guide action; building philanthropy that supports and champions women and girls in Colorado; demonstrating and promoting inclusiveness and commitment to a diversity of people, partners and ideas; and creating strategic partnerships throughout the state to service our mission. For more information, visit www.wfco.org or call 303-285-2960.

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