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## NEWS RELEASE

### **The Women's Foundation of Colorado Announces New Hire of Major Gifts Officer**

DENVER, COLO. (*February 11, 2013*) — The Women's Foundation of Colorado, a Denver-based nonprofit focused on building resources and leading change so that every woman and girl in Colorado reaches her full potential, announces the addition of Mandy Hughes, CFRE, as its Major Gifts Officer. She joins The Women's Foundation staff after a year of supporting its development efforts in a consulting role.

Hughes brings with her more than 10 years of nonprofit fundraising experience and most recently was employed as the Director of Development at KIPP Colorado Schools. She began her career with The Salvation Army's Resource Development Department where she worked to support fundraising efforts in communities throughout the Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi Division. In 2006, she transferred to The Salvation Army's Intermountain Division where she assumed the role of Financial Development Director and focused her attention on major gifts.

Mandy received her undergraduate degree as well as her MBA from Southeastern Louisiana University. She serves on the local Board of Directors for Association of Fundraising Professionals and was named the Outstanding Fundraiser by the Colorado Chapter in 2009. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative.

#### **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 through the state to service our mission. For more information, visit [www.wfco.org](http://www.wfco.org) or call 303-285-2960.

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