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**Women's Foundation of Colorado to present grants  
in Pueblo, Alamosa on July 25**

*Media are invited to attend as Gretchen Gagel McComb presents grants to  
La Puente Home, El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community and  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley*

**DENVER (July 14, 2008)** – Gretchen Gagel McComb, president and CEO of the Women's Foundation of Colorado, will be in Pueblo and Alamosa on July 25 to present grants to El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community, La Puente Home and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley.

McComb will present a grant for \$25,000 when she visits El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community at 1 El Pueblo Ranch Way in Pueblo at 9:30 a.m. on July 25. Later that afternoon, she will present grants to La Puente Home for \$50,000 and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley for \$25,000 at 3 p.m. at La Puente Home's facilities at 911 State Avenue in Alamosa.

The Women's Foundation will award a total of \$250,000 in grants to El Pueblo, La Puente Home, the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Luis Valley, Hilltop Services in Grand Junction, The Learning Source in Lakewood and Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver. These grants were made possible by the generous support of an anonymous donor.

"It is through the support of our donors that The Women's Foundation is able to make such a difference in Colorado," McComb said. "These organizations recognize that any investment in our youth will be greatly multiplied in future generations. All of the grants we are distributing go to causes that further the Women's Foundation's goal of making every woman in Colorado economically self-sufficient and ensuring that every girl is on the path to economic self-sufficiency in adulthood."

**El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community**



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El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community is a private, non-profit adolescent treatment community that serves the needs of at-risk youth and their families. The organization creates an environment of safety and loving care to help youth and their families learn the skills they need to become productive members of the community. El Pueblo is working to create an Artistic, Recreational, Creative and Humanities Center that will house a library, multimedia center, theater, sound studio, computer lab and art gallery featuring works from the youth in the program. Recognizing that self-sufficiency is intrinsically linked to education and literacy, WFCO is awarding this grant to fund the ARCH library as the cornerstone of the project. For more information, visit [www.elpueblokids.org](http://www.elpueblokids.org).

“Good citizens must be well informed and literate,” said Patty Erjavec, MNM, president and CEO of El Pueblo. “The investment The Women’s Foundation has made in El Pueblo...an Adolescent Treatment Community will assist in the development of a state-of-the-art library and resource center. At El Pueblo, we strive to teach young people the value of an education and to treasure the tools that will take them to new heights.”

### **La Puente Home**

La Puente Home is a nonprofit organization serving the San Luis Valley to provide emergency shelter, food assistance, emergency services, case management, transitional housing, self-sufficiency services, homeless prevention, community outreach, job training and employment services for the homeless and community members in crisis. La Puente Home endeavors to meet immediate needs and empower people to live independently with dignity. This grant money will help La Puente Home transport school-aged children and fund additional staff support for La Puente Home’s summer program. This program allows children to grow and explore in a safe, supportive and fun environment, helping them develop life skills that will help them become stable, self-sufficient adults. For more information, visit [www.lapuente.net](http://www.lapuente.net).

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley is to ensure that all children and youth, especially those who need us more, are offered opportunities to realize their full potential as responsible, caring and productive citizens in a richly diverse world. Since the club’s inception in Alamosa in 1992, it has grown to include 1,569 registered members. This grant money will help the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley to increase female participation through



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active awareness and recruitment efforts. The club provides female-based and gender-inclusive experiences to help girls build a strong foundation of self worth today to become successful women tomorrow. For more information, visit [www.bgcslv.org](http://www.bgcslv.org).

“This is an exciting opportunity for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley to outreach to young ladies in the San Luis Valley,” said Mary C. Robertson, interim executive director for Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley. “Year after year, statistics reveal that girls throughout our communities are evermore faced with staggering disadvantages. However, with the generous support of the Women’s Foundation, we are excited to be able to offer optimistic opportunities for a new generation of girls in Southern Colorado.”

**The Women’s Foundation of Colorado**

Think Big. Be Bold. Make Change. This is **The Women’s Foundation of Colorado’s** 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary mission. Since 1987, The WFCO has invested millions in nonprofit organizations throughout the state to dramatically change the lives of Colorado’s women and girls. Through research, education, advocacy and collaboration, The WFCO sets the agenda and leads systemic change, creating greater opportunities for women and girls to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. The goal of the foundation is for every woman in Colorado is economically self-sufficient, and every girl in Colorado is on the path to economic self-sufficiency in adulthood. We believe that changes in public policy will have the greatest impact in assisting women in their efforts to achieve economic self-sufficiency. For more information visit [www.wfco.org](http://www.wfco.org) or call 303-285-2960.

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