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**The Women's Foundation of Colorado to Honor
Philanthropist Patricia "Pat" Kelly, Raise Funds
for Colorado Women & Girls at Annual Pueblo Summer Soiree**

PUEBLO, CO (May 15, 2015) – The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) Pueblo Regional Committee announced today it will honor Puebloan, civic leader and philanthropist Patricia "Pat" Kelly at its annual summer soiree to raise funds for Colorado women and girls on June 14th.

Ms. Kelly is best known as chair of the Steel City's Historic Arkansas River Project (HARP) and co-founder of the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center.

A founding member of the Women's Forum of Colorado, Ms. Kelly is also known for her efforts to strengthen educational opportunities at both Pueblo Community College and Colorado State University-Pueblo (formerly the University of Southern Colorado). As a role model for women, she has received the Friends of Pueblo Library Outstanding Woman Award, the Girls' Club Women of Excellence Award, and the Associated Women Students Distinguished Woman award.

The Pueblo Annual Summer Soiree is the signature fundraising event for the WFCO Pueblo Regional Committee. In the past five years, WFCO has granted \$115,000 to Pueblo organizations that support the advancement of women's economic status, such as Pueblo Community College, which provides women working toward their degrees with scholarships for child care. In Pueblo, single mothers earn approximately \$20,589 and the cost of child care can be nearly half their incomes.

About the WFCO Pueblo Summer Soiree

Who: The Women's Foundation of Colorado
What: Pueblo Summer Soiree – Five course dinner with wine pairing & silent auction
When: Sunday, June 14, 2015 / 5:00 p.m.
Where: Pueblo Community College – Fortino Ballroom
Cost: \$100/person

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The Ruth Ray Hunt Donor Advised Fund held at The Women's Foundation of Colorado will match all donations at the event dollar for dollar up to \$20,000.

Tickets are on sale at www.wfco.org/summersoiree. For table sales and sponsorship opportunities contact pueblo@wfco.org.

Many thanks to our corporate and individual partners: Kaiser Permanente, The Ken and Gala White Family Foundation, Legacy Bank, Patricia Bowie Orman, Pueblo Community College, Sunflower Bank Wealth Management, and Xcel Energy.

About The Women's Foundation of Colorado

In 2014, The Women's Foundation of Colorado granted more than \$1.3 million to dozens of agencies in communities across the state, achieving the highest level of granting in its history. Since 1987, WFCO has invested more than \$13 million in Colorado communities.

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.

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