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The Women's Foundation of Colorado Announces New Vice President of Philanthropy

Lynda Ricketson began her philanthropic career with The Women's Foundation in 1991

DENVER (Aug. 17, 2015) — The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) builds resources and leads change so that every woman and girl in Colorado achieves her full potential, and today announced a new vice president of philanthropy who will play a key role in building those resources. Lynda Ricketson, former director of development and alumni giving for the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver, began her philanthropic career with WFCO from 1991-1997.

Ricketson returns to WFCO with over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, the majority of which was within community foundations. From 1997-2008, she served as program officer and philanthropy advisor for Rose Community Foundation. She has been with DU's Graduate School of Social Work since 2008.

"The Women's Foundation of Colorado is thrilled to benefit from Lynda's expertise in fundraising, grant making, board relations, family philanthropy, and strategic partnerships," said Lauren Y. Casteel, president and CEO of WFCO. "Lynda's homecoming is special because she not only has the necessary skills to help grow The Foundation, but her commitment to building brighter futures for Colorado women and girls is evident, beginning with her tenure at WFCO in the nineties."

Ricketson also serves on the board of Lighthouse Writers Workshop and the steering committee for the Institute for Leaders in Development.

"Returning to The Women's Foundation feels like coming home," said Ricketson. "WFCO grew me professionally and is it an incredible honor to return to help grow the Foundation and continue to work toward an equal and equitable society where all women and girls in Colorado have a chance to thrive."

The Women's Foundation of Colorado works to lead systemic change that will advance economic opportunities for all women and girls in Colorado by amplifying their voices through research, education, public policy and community investments. WFCO's community investments are strategically focused to:

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1. Help girls graduate from high school
2. Increase opportunities for low-income single mothers through education and job training
3. Encourage and enable women and girls to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

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.

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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