



June 1, 2018-May 31, 2019 Annual Report



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Message from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are sharing our Her Legacy: Women of Fort Collins (DBA Living Her Legacy) historic public art/education exhibit that we have been approved to create and have on permanent rotating display in Old Town, Fort Collins.

We initiated the Living Her Legacy business entity in Colorado September 18, 2018. We are in the process of completing the IRS long form 1023 application to become a stand-alone approved nonprofit. The project was initiated in January 2014 under the Zonta Club of Fort Collins which I am a member of currently and have been for (9) nine years. The ZCFC Foundation remains our fiscal sponsor until we are approved by IRS as a 501c3 charitable organization.



Why Our Project Exists:

We are creating Her Legacy Project to inspire women and girls to discover themselves in the many talents, contributions, and achievements of women, both past and present, in our Fort Collins community.

"Inspiring Girls and Women to Create Their Own Legacies"

This recognition of notable women with ties to Fort Collins who have contributed to the fabric of our community will be the foundation of our art/education project.

We are planning the following education components, this being one of reasons we are working towards a new nonprofit:

- 5th grade role model/mentor art workshops
- Girl Leaders/Success for Teens school year program
- PSD curriculum for 2nd Grade Fort Collins History, 4th Grade Colorado History, Middle/High School Social Studies and Art Classes
- CSU curriculum for Women's Studies/Ethics Department
- Community Forums to discuss the art exhibit and content

Many of you may not know that I taught high school students (12) years when FRCC/LC first came to our community. I then facilitated my business as a Health Education Consultant for (20) twenty years helping school districts all over Colorado create year-long programs to introduce their students to the healthcare professions. I especially enjoy working with high school students.

We have a new Board of Directors that are very skilled and passionate about our mission. You will learn more about them in this report.

Thank you!

Patti A. Smith



Mission

Our mission at Living Her Legacy is to Recognize Women's Accomplishments to Inspire Girls Futures

Programs

These programs will begin in either 2019 or 2020.

Role Model/Mentors



Through our Role Model/Mentor art workshops we will collaborate with Title I elementary schools and youth organizations supporting underserved 5th grade girls in an Inter-generational environment each paired with a senior woman community member.

This curriculum includes definitions of role model/mentors, sharing experiences growing up, question prompts to aid discussions, discussing legacy honoree life journeys and a shared art project depicting what was discussed and learned together.

There will also be opportunities for 5th grade boys to be paired with a senior male participant.

Our art facilitator for 5th grade project is Trish Murtha, one of our portrait artists. She has many years of experience working with 5th grade students in similar projects.

Girl Leaders



Through our core program 'Girls Leaders'/Success for Teens, for girls ages 16-19 and teen moms we are empowering the next generation of leaders, problem solvers and change makers.

LHL collaborates with schools and youth organizations supporting underserved girls ages 16-19 and teen moms', mainly from alternative high schools.

Our curriculum includes project-based content that teaches essential 21st Century Skills, including career discussions, critical thinking, creative problem solving, work ethics, civic engagement, financial planning, personal development, character development and entrepreneurship. This program also includes mentorship partners and scholarships.

PSD Curriculum



We have had a relationship with the PSD Curriculum Director, Robert Beauchamp, since February 2015. We have recently received a letter stating their partnership with our nonprofit to introduce students to these Legacy Honoree life journeys. We will work with the PSD teachers to help write the curriculum.

The curriculum for the Poudre School District (PSD) will be offered in the following grade levels:

2nd grade Fort Collins history, 4th grade Colorado history, Middle/High School Social Studies and Art classes. We will also work with the PSD Art Coordinator and the Social Studies Coordinator.



Meet Our New Board of Directors



Debbi Potts, President: Debbi Potts has served on several non-profit boards when living in Nebraska. During her professional career she operated two non-profits as the Executive Director. Debbi founded and operated a non-profit childcare center initiating all of the by-laws and IRS paperwork in order for the center to qualify as a 501c3. Debbi spent the majority of her 30 plus work years in a career working for non-profits. She has vast experience in management, development of budgets, agendas and strategic planning.



Natalie Phillips, Vice-President: Natalie Phillips, Audiologist in FC, provides her professional services to many in the United States and other countries as a Global Hearing Ambassador to deliver the gift of hearing. She is the Founder/CEO of Connect4Excellence, a business which highlights women's accomplishments through podcasts. She initiated this company to assist individuals and businesses develop their brand, communicate their brand across social media platforms, create and run events, and bring awareness to ways companies can build in social impact into their business models. She facilitated Empower a Billion Women by 2020 organization in FC.



Kristen Lang, Secretary: Kristen Lang is an attorney who has committed her career to advocating for under-served and vulnerable populations. Women's empowerment has always been a component of her work, whether leading women's groups on campus in college; running an advisory group to empower her female students while teaching in a Title 1 school; or supporting the independence of her female clients and their mothers while representing children in the child welfare system.



Sonia Cooper, Treasurer: Sonia Cooper is a Self-directed, innovative, business owner with proven experience, expertise, and perseverance to successfully coordinate sales and management activities.

Sonia Cooper is the President of Global Cooper Inc, West Palm Beach, FL which is a financial consulting program for business. She was previously a Senior Account Executive, BellSouth Telecommunications. Sonia has also been very involved in community in the following areas: Impact Palm Beach Member, FL; Quid Novi Innovation volunteer, CO and Rotary International Member, Program Chair, CO

Directors:



Uju Melvis Okeke, Director: Uju Okeke is a 2019 graduate of Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO with a Masters' Degree in Communication/IT/Sustainability. Uju grew up in Nigeria. She has an interest in nonprofit work and supporting women's sustainability/equality.



Jason Smith, Director: Jason Smith is the Development Director at UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. Previously Jason worked at University of Denver, Colorado as Development Director, at Access Fund headquarters in Boulder, CO as Development Director and on Development Team at Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, IL.



Caridad Souza, Director: Caridad Souza is the Director/Special Assistant Professor, of the Colorado State University Women's Studies/Ethnic Studies and Gender Research Department. Caridad has many, many years' experience in both the US and globally, with expertise in Social Policy, Qualitative Social Research, and Social Theory. Caridad has experience through a life-long passion for support of women and ethnic group equality.



First 24 Legacy Honorees



Ann Azari



Becky Hammon



Betty Aragon-Mitotes



Brownie McGraw



Denise Freestone



'Auntie'
Elizabeth Stone



Gladys L. Eddy



Hattie McDaniel



Joan C. King



Martha Trimble



Sr. Mary Alice
Murphy



Temple Grandin



Blanche Hughes



Denny Moyer



Diana Wall



Guadalupe
Salazar



Jerri Schmitz



Jovita Lobato



Kim Jordan



Lydia Dody



Nancy Gray



Sue
Ferguson



Susan Kirkpatrick



Theodosia
Ammons



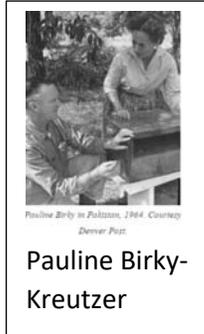
Next 24 Legacy Honorees



Arlene Ahlbrandt



Kathleen Baumgardner



Pauline Birky-Kreutzer



Debra Bueno



Jan Carroll



Britta Clay



Mary Carraher



Elizabeth Elliott



Vicki Grassman



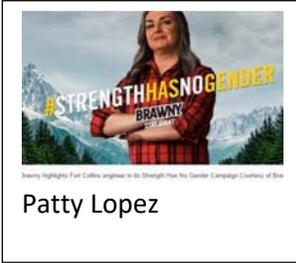
Margit Hentschel



Libby James



Mildred Johnson



Patty Lopez



Carole Makela



Betty Moseley



Jan Neger



Ida Patterson



Sherry Pelton



Mable Preble



Nora Rice



Dian Sparling



Hope Sykes



Donna Visocky



Marcile Wood

To learn about these Legacy Honoree's impact, go to www.LivingHerLegacy.org



Your support has helped us to accomplish the following and much more:

1. Pay artists payments on the creation of legacy portraits
2. Pay sculptor payments on the bronze frames (She then pays mold maker and foundry for their work)
3. Provide three business sponsorships for each quarterly ad in the Discover Fort Collins magazine. We recognize three legacy honorees in each quarterly ad. This process began in 2017 and continues through 2018 and 2019. It will continue through 2020 so that all (48) forty-eight legacy honorees have been recognized.
4. Pay for various types of marketing, mailings and donor thank yous in various publications, host donor appreciation events, planning team thank you events, new board meetings and hosted fundraising events.
5. Initiate the IRS 1023 application process
6. Begin the planning for the 5th grade Role Model/Mentor art workshops
7. Host Legacy Honoree recognition events.
 - a. We hosted a High Tea recognition event June 2016 at Avery House gardens
 - b. We hosted a recognition event at EveryDay Joe's March 2018
 - c. Provide a yellow rose for each of our Legacy Honorees each year in March
 - d. Purchase Legacy pins for our Legacy Honorees.
8. Pay for our monthly expenses, mainly a CRM/Fundraising/Email system, to keep moving forward.
9. There are no paid employees at this time.
10. We could not be where we are today without your continued support. We are very grateful to each and every one of you. Thank you for believing in our mission!

Looking Forward

We are planning to hire a grant writer in 2019 as we recognize we need that type of expertise and support.

Grant writing has been a huge challenge for me. I have written many grants and not received any and I found out it is mainly because we don't have any portraits displayed yet and more so because we needed education programs to ensure and demonstrate more of an impact in our community. I learn new things about facilitating a nonprofit each day. I am grateful for this education from our community donors, members, sponsors and from numerous free webinars I have listened to and learned from.

We plan to continue to be out in the community honoring our Legacy women anyway that we can.

1. In the past we have sent them yellow roses in March during Women's History Month as our Zonta Club sells yellow roses to deliver them to women of any age during the week of March 8th.
2. We have partnered with G.L.O.B.A.L. Justice, Inc at their Women Empowering Women event and several of our Legacy Honorees have been speakers sharing their life journeys.
3. We have partnered with a group of local women to create a public list of all women's organizations and the events they offer during the month of March in our Northern Colorado Communities.
4. We have participated in a Women's Recognition event in Denver in March where they have all types of womens' organizations host education tables to share their missions.
5. We participate in many community events to share this project and our Legacy Honoree stories.
6. I attend the Northern Colorado Business Women's Network, am a member of the Fort Collins Chamber Red Carpet committee and the Northern Colorado Nonprofit group and attend others on occasion.
7. We send newsletters at least every quarter and more with updates.
8. We are working towards our first unveiling event in either 2019 or 2020 depending on funding.
 - a. The project costs much more than ever anticipated when we began this journey with a little idea. We learned along the way what we needed to do with the input from everyone we met. Thank you to all for your input and support.



Leadership ~ Our Planning Team ~



Patti Smith
Project Chair 2013
Executive Director
2018



Rachael Davis Co-Chair 2013
Project Art Director/
Portrait Artist 2013



Kirsten Johnson
Corresponding Secretary
2014



RJ Clay
Videographer / Music
Consultant 2015



Barbara Fleming
Writer Extraordinaire
Author 2015



Stacey Jensen
Grant Writer
2016



Michel Olds
Foundation
Treasurer 2016



Rosann Winn
Music Consultant
2017



Alyse Smith
Graphic Designer
2017



Julie Ulstrup
Photographer
2017



Trish Murtha
Role Model-Art
Workshop Facilitator/
Portrait Artist 2017



Isis Lanigan
Portrait Artist
2017



Leslie Carol Botha
Social Media
Face Book Posting 2018



Linda Brown
Education
Assessment
Consultant
2018



**Aubrey
Blankenship**
Website
Gallery pages
2018



Testimonies

Karen McWilliams, FC Historic Preservation Society “I strongly support the Zonta Club of Fort Collins ‘Women’s Legacy Mural.’ I want my daughter to be exposed to and appreciate the significant contributions of women to our community throughout FC History.”

Matthew Robenalt, DDA Executive Director “Storytelling through art is a powerful form of Interpersonal communication, particularly when communicating an authentic experience of a city. The Zonta Club’s mural project, which will be highly visible to local and tourism guests of Old Town Square, imparts the spontaneity of publicly displayed art and place-making with the importance of reflecting on the stories of people that have made Fort Collins an intriguing place to visit, live, work and play.”

Katy Schneider, Marketing Director Visit Fort Collins “Fort Collins has a large appreciation for public art and adding an element of personal story telling through photographs would only heighten the attractiveness of the variety we have to offer visitors.”

One of collaborators at Poudre School District, Laura Cronen, District Art Coordinator, said the following about the project:

“Upon learning about the Her Legacy: Women of Fort Collins mural project I was excited for the unique addition to the culture of the Fort Collins community. The renderings by artist Racheal Davis capture each of the women represented in a wood cut print that have a timeless quality and will be enjoyed for years to come. Additionally, as the Visual Arts Curriculum Facilitator in Poudre School District, I look forward to collaborating with the Zonta Club to bring the artworks and historical information surrounding each of the chosen significant women in the Fort Collins Community to the schools. This will highlight both the arts and the accomplishments of women in Fort Collins and serve as an inspiration to girls and women to reach for their dreams as they learn about influential women, past and present, in their own community.”

Donor Comments

~ Hooray! What a great project ~ A great project supporting local women ~ Good luck! ~This is such a worthwhile project! ~ So excited to see women being recognized for the incredible work they do every day. This project is a big step forward for women everywhere! ~ I look forward to reading about each woman’s legacy ~ Projects like this are so important, and I’m glad that these women are getting the recognition they so deserve ~I chose to give because women’s contributions to Fort Collins are and have been vital to the community and so need to be recognized ~ Wonderful program! ~ Good luck, I hope you make your goal! ~ In honor of the women of Fort Collins~ Women’s contributions have so long been overlooked or forgotten, so I support anything that helps bring these stories to light ~



We Need Your Help

Every Penny Matters

There are several ways to become a donor/supporter:

Share our project with your colleagues, family, friends and/or women's groups.

Visit: www.HerLegacyFCdonate.org

Text **GIVE** to 970-431-8980

Donate a vehicle: Call 855.500 (RIDE) (7433)

CarsEasy will do all the work, no cost to you except to make the call. Tell them it is for Zonta Club of Fort Collins/Legacy

You can also donate by mail: You can also mail a check to ZCFC Foundation/Legacy, P.O. Box 272914, Fort Collins, CO 80527

Volunteer and Help Make a Difference

Not everyone can make a financial contribution. We will also have education programs in future if you would like to be a participant in either our 5th grade girls' role model/mentor art workshop or the Girl Leaders program.

- Volunteer with the events
- Volunteer to help write thank you notes
- Volunteer in a different way: _Share your skills-you pick

Please visit our website www.LivingHerLegacy.org to learn more, or call us at 970-988-8529. Send this form by mail to our mailbox at 2519 S Shields St.1 K #132, Fort Collins, CO 80526, email as an attachment it to us at LivingHerLegacyInfo@gmail.com or text a photo of this form to the cell phone listed above. We look forward to talking with you.

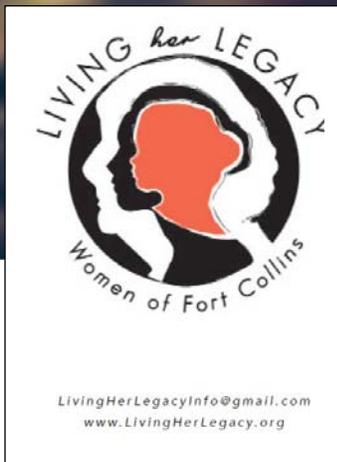
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