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**The Women's Foundation of Colorado to Celebrate 30th Anniversary
with Birthday Bash Fundraiser in Vail Valley**

Vail, CO (July 21, 2017) – The Women's Foundation of Colorado's (WFCO) will host a Vail Valley "birthday bash" fundraiser on Wednesday, August 23, to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. The evening will feature friendly competitions for teams of eight, such as a chipping contest, putting contest, giant Jenga[®], wine tasting contest, Lego[®] building, and bean toss.

For several years, WFCO has hosted a summer luncheon featuring inspiring speakers such as equal pay icon Lilly Ledbetter, former WNBA President Donna Orender, and NASA Astronaut Anna Fisher. In 2017, the WFCO Vail Valley regional committee decided to host a birthday bash to mark WFCO's 30th anniversary, celebrate the advances women in Colorado have made during its 30 years, and raise funds for the work that still needs to be done to achieve gender equity in the state.

"We are proud that Colorado boasts some of the nation's highest percentages of women in government, women business owners, and women with bachelor's degrees," said President and CEO, Lauren Y. Casteel. "We celebrate the women who have broken glass ceilings, and yet, more than 500,000 Colorado women still live in or near poverty. WFCO will continue to leverage philanthropy, impact, and community until every Colorado woman thrives."

The Women's Foundation of Colorado is a unique statewide community foundation advancing and accelerating economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families for 30 years. In late 2016, WFCO made grants to four Vail Valley nonprofit organizations, including Bright Future Foundation, The Red Ribbon Project, Vail Valley Foundation's YouthPower365, and Walking Mountains Science Center.

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About the WFCO Vail Birthday Bash

Who: The Women's Foundation of Colorado
What: Birthday Bash
When: Wednesday, August 23 / 5:30 p.m.
Where: The TimberHearth at Cordillera
Cost: \$125 / spectator
\$1,200 / team of eight
\$1,500 / sponsor (includes two tickets)

Tickets are available at www.wfco.org/vailbirthdaybash. For questions about the event, or to inquire about sponsorships, contact Kelly Robenhagen at kellyr@wfco.org.

Many thanks to our corporate and individual partners: The TimberHearth at Cordillera, US Bank, Xcel Energy, and Deb and Dan Luginbuhl.

About The Women's Foundation of Colorado

The Women's Foundation of Colorado catalyzes community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families. Through a statewide community of giving, WFCO ignites systemic change to help dismantle barriers that keep women from prospering. Since 1987, WFCO has made more than 1,600 grants to nonprofit organizations in 34 Colorado counties, totaling more than \$16 million.

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