



**The Women's
Foundation of Colorado**

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**The Women's Foundation of Colorado's 2019 Community Forum & Luncheon:
Making Work *Really* Work for Women & Employers in the Pikes Peak Region**

Colorado Springs, CO (Feb. 13, 2019) – The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) will host its annual Colorado Springs Community Forum and Luncheon on Thursday, March 14, featuring a panel of high-profile Pikes Peak Region business leaders who will discuss how to make *really* work for Colorado women and employers.

The panelists include:

- Debbie Chandler (moderator), Matthews-Vu Medical Group
- Lance Bolton, Pikes Peak Community College
- Vance Brown, The National Cybersecurity Center
- Dana Hagood, USAA
- Aikta Marcoulier, Small Business Development Center
- Heidi Rowland, Johnson & Johnson

While Colorado Springs boasts one of the nation's most prolific economies, not all women are advancing and many high-growth, high-wage positions go unfilled. The panelists will discuss shaping culture and collaboration that increase women's participation and retention in the 21st Century workforce.

“Women are one of the most underutilized economic assets in the world,” said Lauren Y. Casteel, president and CEO of The Women's Foundation. “When we can create access to resources such as high-quality child care, job training, education, and equal wages – women, families, workplaces, and our entire economy will thrive.”

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OUR MISSION

Catalyzing community to advance and accelerate economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families.

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The event will raise critical funds for WAGES (Women Achieving Greater Economic Security), The Women’s Foundation’s programmatic body of work that uses research, public policy advocacy, and strategic grantmaking to help Colorado women earn livable wages and strengthen their families’ futures.

About WFCO’s Colorado Springs Community Forum & Luncheon

When: Thursday, March 14, 2019
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Where: The Antlers Hotel Heritage Ballroom
4 S. Cascade Ave. | Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Tickets: \$65 tickets available through March 7 at www.wfco.org.

WFCO thanks honorary chairs Tatiana Bailey, Barbara Myrick, and Ingrid Richter as well as our generous event sponsors.

For questions about the event, or to inquire about sponsorships, contact Camisha Lashbrook at camishal@wfco.org.

About The Women’s Foundation of Colorado

The Women’s Foundation of Colorado is the only statewide community foundation dedicated to creating more pathways to prosperity for Colorado women and their families through the power of community, philanthropy, and impact. Since 1987, WFCO has funded more than 30 research reports that identify the systemic barriers that keep women from earning a livable wage, helped pass nearly 50 pieces of legislation that have created economic opportunities, and granted more than \$18 million to nonprofits that work with women and families in communities statewide, including Colorado Springs.

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