



The Women's Foundation of Colorado

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The Women's Foundation of Colorado Welcomes Five New Trustees, Deepens Board Expertise in Communications, Finance, and Philanthropy

DENVER (March 17, 2021) – The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) added five new trustees to its board for its fiscal year 2021-22. The trustees represent many of the diverse backgrounds and identities of the women and men who make up the state of Colorado and strengthen The Foundation's expertise in communications, finance, and philanthropy. They bring the total number of trustees to 26.

WFCO trustees work in partnership with President and CEO, Lauren Y. Casteel, to set The Foundation's goals and priorities, ensure progress toward the strategic plan, determine policy priorities, and manage The Foundation's assets totaling \$31.2 million. They also develop financial resources that ensure sustainability to meet the current and future needs of Colorado women.

"Our new class of trustees has a rich legacy in supporting diverse Colorado communities and strengthening the philanthropic sector," said Lauren Casteel. "The Women's Foundation of Colorado has deepened our commitment to centering the intersection of gender and racial equity in our work, and their experiences and expertise will be invaluable as we move forward in this direction."

New Trustees

Raynard Gray, Denver: Raynard Gray has served as manager of budgeting and reporting for Xcel Energy for 15 years. He leads the financial planning process for various shared service organizations, including the development of the annual budget, periodic forecasts, and long-term financial plans. He is a member of WFCO's audit & finance committee and a past board member of the Urban League of Metro Denver. Raynard also is a member of WFCO's sustainable giving community, the Power of Extended Philanthropy (PEP).

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Gerri Gomez Howard, Castle Rock: Gerri Gomez Howard is the CEO of the Gomez Howard Group, the integrated marketing and communications firm she established in 2005. Prior, she spent nearly two decades in broadcast media with KCNC-TV, a CBS owned and operated television station in Denver. There, she forged mutually beneficial relationships between essential community sectors – business, nonprofits, government, media, and the general public. Gerri rejoins the WFCO board of trustees for a second term, having served in the 1990s. She is also a member of The Denver (CO) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, a philanthropic group that enriches the lives of African Americans and others in the greater Denver community, and WFCO’s communications advisory committee.

Sonya Marques-Correia, Denver: Sonya Marques-Correia is the director of finance and administration at the Margulf Foundation. She has over 20 years of experience in finance and management, with 15 years spent in nonprofit organizations. Prior, she was the chief financial officer for Clayton Early Learning, which is rooted in early childhood education. She serves as treasurer of the Inner Circle Homeowners Association and was recently appointed to the board of World Animal Protection in the US. She also serves as a member of the WFCO’s audit & finance committee.

Sue Wagner, Fort Collins: Sue Wagner has served as the senior vice president of commercial lending at the Bank of Colorado in Fort Collins for nine years. She believes that the ability to build relationships is one of the unique skills women bring to the workforce. As a leader of a community bank, she is passionate about helping communities grow and is a current member and the treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club, a member of the Fort Collins Rotary Club, and has volunteered with CARE Housing and Reflections for Youth.

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Tania Zeigler, Denver: After spending nearly two decades in various roles within the healthcare sector – including communications, marketing, customer experience strategy and operations, and digital planning and performance – Tania Zeigler recently launched her life, leadership, and career transformation coaching business, Burn Bright Coaching and Consulting, LLC. She is passionate about developing systematic approaches to diversifying leadership pipelines and achieving gender and racial equity in public, private, and non-profit settings. Recently, she served on the board of directors for Colorado Public Radio, Spark the Change Colorado, and Project WISE. She is a donor-advised fundholder at WFCO, and a member of the Women’s Impact Investing Giving Circle and the communications advisory committee.

Trustee Transitions

As the newest trustees begin their terms on April 1, 2021, several other transitions will take place among the WFCO board.

- Joyce Vigil, Pueblo, attorney and owner of Robb & Vigil, LLC, will assume leadership of the board as chair.
- Adrienne Mansanares, Denver, chief experience officer (CXO) at Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, steps in as vice chair.
- Christina Ortiz, Denver, chief operations officer and CFO at Porchlight, serves as secretary.
- Jennifer Cottrell, Littleton, chief operating/financial officer for Pinnacle Healthcare Consulting, is treasurer.

The Women’s Foundation of Colorado would like to thank Katie Kellen, Denver, Colorado Wells Fargo Private Bank, for her leadership during the last year as board chair, as well as several trustees who completed their board terms: Stephanie Bruno, Denver, Sea to Peak Advisors; Jennifer Colosimo, Denver, FranklinCovey; Kelley Duke, Denver, Ireland Stapleton; and Pat Kendall, Fort Collins, retired.

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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 \$19 million to nonprofits that work with women and families in communities statewide.

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