



## The Women's Foundation of Colorado

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## **The Women's Foundation of Colorado Receives \$150,000 Grant Over Three Years to Advance Economic Opportunity for Colorado Women and Families**

*Women's Funding Network awards grant to WFCO to join its Two Generation Advocacy Cohort, deepen policy leadership, and amplify statewide impact*

**DENVER (Dec. 07, 2017)** – The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) announced it will receive a grant of \$150,000 over three years from Women's Funding Network (WFN) to shape public policy that advances economic security for women and their families. WFN recognized the effective advocacy efforts of WFCO and three other women's foundations and awarded \$600,000 in grants for the foundations to work and learn together as the Two Generation Advocacy Network.

With the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, WFN established the cohort in 2017 to help break intergenerational cycles of poverty by addressing the needs of caregivers and their children at the same time. In addition to The Women's Foundation of Colorado, members of the cohort include the Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham, the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona, and the Dallas Women's Foundation.

"It's exciting to support current two-generation work that is on the leading edge of transformation," said president and CEO of the Women's Funding Network, Cynthia Nimmo. "WFN surveyed the programs our members use to increase the economic security and these four foundations have track records of advocating for fairer, smarter practices that support women and their families."

The Women's Foundation of Colorado advances and accelerates economic opportunities for Colorado women and their families through its community, philanthropy, and statewide strategies that drive impact, such as research, public policy advocacy, and grantmaking. In its 30-year history, WFCO has funded more than 30 research reports to identify barriers that keep women from earning a livable wage, helped pass nearly 40 pieces of legislation to dismantle those barriers, and granted more than \$16 million to nonprofits that work with women and families in communities statewide.

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

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Starting in 2018, WFCO will grow its two-generation work by launching its own cohort of direct-service and public policy nonprofits that will work from rural communities to the Capitol to help women earn a livable wage. Together, WFCO and its new WAGES cohort will identify actionable policy change, and with WFCO's statewide network of supporters, push forward effective two-generation policy that advances opportunity for women and their families. More than 260,000 Colorado women live in poverty, and 36.5 percent of households led by single mothers with children under 18 live in poverty.

“With the generous grant from WFN, we will enhance the investments our donors have made in our statewide strategies to lead change, amplify our leadership in two-generation policy, and deepen our impact throughout the state,” said Lauren Y. Casteel, president and CEO of The Women’s Foundation of Colorado. “By being part of the Two Generation Advocacy Network, we can share diverse ideas, insights, and innovative advocacy practices with the other women’s foundations to strengthen the outcomes for women in all of our states.”

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### **About WFCO**

The Women’s Foundation of Colorado is the only statewide community foundation dedicated to creating more pathways to prosperity for Colorado women through the power of community, philanthropy, and impact. Since 1987, WFCO has served as an essential partner, resource, voice, and catalyst in strengthening Colorado’s families, communities, and economy through the power of women.