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TO: Logan Boon, Bohemian Foundation

FROM: Patti A. Smith, Zonta Club of Fort Collins Foundation
Her Legacy: Women of Fort Collins public art exhibit

RE: Answers to follow-up questions about our application

Question 1:

- Do you know yet who all 48 of the women showcased will be? Can you please give me a list of the names you have so far?

The Legacy Honorees were nominated by community members through a process advertised in the Fort Collins newspapers and magazines and by word-of-mouth. The 48 women to be honored were selected by volunteer groups of women from the Fort Collins community based on the following three criteria:

- Was a visionary for change by following their heart's passion
- Was a role model for women and girls
- Made a difference through her commitment, courage, and resilience

The 48 women selected over the past four years through (7) seven selection events are as follows:

Group 1: Ann Azari, Becky Hammon, Betty Aragon-Mitotes, Brownie McGraw, Denise Freestone, Elizabeth 'Auntie' Stone, Gladly Eddy, Hattie McDaniel, Joan King, Martha Trimble, Sister Mary Alice Murphy, and Temple Grandin

Group 2: Blanche Hughes, Denny Moyer, Diana Wall, Guadalupe Salazar, Jerri Schmitz, Jovita Lobato, Kim Jordan, Lydia Dody, Nancy Gray, Sue Ferguson, Susan Kirkpatrick and Theodosia Ammons

Group 3: Carole Makela, Debra Bueno, Donna Visocky, Ida Patterson, Jan Carroll, Libby James, Mable Preble, Marcile Wood, Margit Hentschel, Mary Carraher, Nora Rice, Pauline Birky-Kreutzer

Group 4: Arlene Ahlbrandt, Betty Moseley, Britta Clay, Dian Sparling, Elizabeth Elliott, Hope Sykes, Janice Nerger, Kathleen Baumgardner, Mildred Johnson, Patty Lopez, Sherry Pelton, and Vicky Grassman.

Here is a short introduction to their accomplishments, as you may not know all of these women:

Group 1:

1. **Ann Azari:** Ann believed in the power of community and devoted considerable effort to helping create private-public partnerships. A City Council member and three-term mayor, Ann initiated the Arts Alive organization and sought common ground among different cultures.
2. **Becky Hammon:** Becky was a student at CSU and outstanding basketball star at the collegiate and professional levels. Becky was the first woman hired by the NBA as Assistant Coach of the San Antonio Spurs
3. **Betty Aragon-Mitotes:** Betty is a leader, providing inspiration and a positive role model. She is a long-time supporter of our Hispanic community. She co-founded Museo de las Tres Colonias to preserve the historical contributions of early Hispanic pioneers, and founded the Mujeres DeColores (organization for women of color) to help the most vulnerable, the working poor and

low income. Betty initiated a film “Memorias de las Tres Colonias” and most recently created the documentary: “Fort Collins The Choice City for...Whom?”

4. **Brownie McGraw:** Brownie was a student at Colorado A/M (CSU), and was a dedicated educator and mentor throughout her life. She committed her life to students in our community taking leadership roles to make a major impact on educational programs and policy. Because of her extensive service to the Poudre School District, McGraw Elementary School was named after her. She also played a key role in funding for the Inspiration Playground.
5. **Denise Burson-Freestone:** Denise was a student at CSU and Artistic Director/Co-Founder of Open Stage Theatre. Denise feels that theatre “can create a sacred space that crosses ethnic, social, and religious boundaries.” OpenStage Theatre created in 1973 has won several prestigious awards over the years including 2011 Henry Award as an outstanding regional theatre and most recently again in 2017 the most prestigious of the Henry Awards for Outstanding Season, the first time a Northern Colorado company has received this coveted title.
6. **Elizabeth “Auntie” Stone:** Auntie Stone was Fort Collins’ founding mother and business woman. In the late 19th century, this enterprising woman — an eventual symbol of early Fort Collins’ pioneer spirit — opened the doors of her home to those in need of place to stay, creating the first hotel in Fort Collins. She exuded a spirit of community and hospitality.
7. **Gladys S. Eddy:** In her 70+ years at Colorado A & M (CSU), Gladys was a leader in education and a champion for women. She led efforts to teach business courses, create the College of Business, and played a large role in coordinating the annual Business Day event on campus, bringing in industry leaders. Gladys helped promote student leadership within the College of Business and fostered the education and needs of women in business. There is a scholarship in her name for students who demonstrated leadership, citizenship (very important), and service to the community and the University.
8. **Hattie McDaniel:** Hattie lived in Fort Collins as young child and was the first African American to win an Oscar-or even to be nominated- for best supporting actress in 1940 for her role in *Gone With the Wind*. She was not allowed to attend the premier of *Gone With the Wind* in segregated Atlanta and was not allowed to sit with the cast at the Oscars in Hollywood. She was also the first African American to be on radio.
9. **Dr. Joan C. King:** Early in her life, Joan spent 11 years in a convent as a nun, then went on to receive her Ph.D. in neurosciences and psychology from Tufts where she became the department head of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. As she embraced life with passion, she became a Master Coach, coach trainer/mentor, author, global speaker and visionary. Her life purpose was mentoring others, especially women, to “Reach Beyond Success to Greatness.” There is a Joan C. King-Tobet Memorial Scholarship for students in Biomedical Sciences or Engineering at CSU. Joan lectured, mentored and gave workshops for many students, faculty, and staff at CSU.
10. **Martha Trimble:** A student who graduated in 1936 from Colorado A&M, Martha served CSU as an English Instructor during 1940-1943 and again from 1961 to 1965. She was an Assistant Professor 1971-1977 and full English professor 1977-1979. She was a member of the Resources Board from 1976-1979, president of Pi Kappa Phi from 1979-1980, and served on Mortar Board. Martha received the 1983 CSU Outstanding Alumni Award. She was a Trimble Court Co-Founder.
11. **Sister Mary Alice Murphy:** Her humanitarian work touches all of Fort Collins; Working on behalf of the poor and homeless. Sister Murphy directed Catholic Charities, started a food bank and a job bank at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, helped develop an apartment complex for the homeless, founded Hand Up Cooperative, now Homeless Gear, and the Sister Mary Alice Center for Hope.

12. **Dr. Temple Grandin:** As a faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences at CSU, Temple is internationally recognized as a dedicated animal scientist & autism advocate. Temple is a pioneer in improving the handling and welfare of farm animals. She is also an advocate for children with autism and mentors/supports CSU students. She has a movie made about her life and has won numerous awards with her most recent award being inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Group 2:

1. **Dr. Blanche Hughes:** A student at CSU for her Masters and Doctorate, Blanche is in her 10th year as Vice President of Student Affairs. She spent, 6 years as Associate Vice President of Student Affairs and 11 years as CSU Director of Black Student Services. Blanche advises, mentors and teaches in the Student Affairs in Higher Education Program to help student and staff be successful. Blanche has contributed enormously to a campus culture that values collegiality, candor and accountability. She has also been involved as a volunteer with Poudre School District and has served on community, regional and national committees.
2. **Denny Moyer:** As a single mom and sight impaired individual herself, Denny co-founded a nonprofit-Ensign Skills Center- the only nationally accredited center of its kind in Colorado. As the CEO she directs programs which focus on providing people with vision loss the opportunity to enhance life skills, independence and self-confidence through training and the use of adaptive technology. She is making a difference with her commitment, courage, resilience and service to others.
3. **Dr. Diana Wall:** Founding Director of the CSU School of Global Environmental Sustainability and a professor in the Department of Biology, Diana is a Senior Research Scientist with the Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory. Diana has 30 + years of research in Antarctica with a valley named after her. Her research explores how life in soil contributes to healthy, fertile and productive soils, as well as the consequences of human activities on soil globally. She has won numerous awards and currently serves as Science Chair for the Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative. She is a powerful voice in the global discussion on climate change.
4. **Dr. Guadalupe Salazar:** Lupe grew up in a family of migrant farm workers, pursued her GED and then her initial College education as a single mother at UNC. She received her masters and doctoral degrees from CSU. Lupe has been Director of CSU El Centro Program for over 20 years. The mission of El Centro is to provide support for the Latinx community at CSU and Fort Collins. The Center does this by encouraging student engagement, academic success, cultural pride, empowerment, and volunteer/leadership opportunities leading to retention and success of Latino students. She mentors students sharing her upbringing and her belief that anything is possible, but the journey is not always easy.
5. **Jerri Schmitz:** Jerri's unconditional love and desire to advocate for and empower at risk youth and families in our community lead to the founding of the Matthews House. Jerri is an open-minded leader willing to make change in her own programs to improve outcomes for her clients and community partners.
6. **Jovita Lobato:** Jovita broke racial and discriminatory barriers in the face of considerable obstacles and opposition. She was born into a Fort Collins migrant family and worked in the sugar beet fields. Jovita was the first Hispanic graduate from Fort Collins High School, and also the first Hispanic graduate of CSU in 1936 in Economics and Sociology. Jovita went on to earn a masters' degree in Psychology.
7. **Kim Jordan:** Co-founder of New Belgium Brewery, began her passion in the basement of her home, is now CEO and executive board chair. New Belgium has become the country's fourth-

largest craft brewery, with its flagship ale, Fat Tire, on tap nationwide. Kim created a stock ownership program for her employees, and in January 2013 she invited all 456 co-workers to participate as co-owners of New Belgium. She has cultivated her passion for social work, the environment, and community to create one of the most successful breweries in America. Her lifelong commitment to developing healthy communities has formed New Belgium's culture through progressive policies like employee ownership, open-book management, and philanthropic giving.

8. **Lydia Dody:** Lydia is a business woman who supports women through *Hope Lives*, a nonprofit she initiated. The *Hope Lives* Breast Cancer Support Center was founded in 2001 to support and strengthen those touched by breast cancer by providing care, guidance and education. She also founded *Style Magazine*, and has been its publisher for many years.
9. **Nancy Gray:** Nancy was an outstanding activist in government and politics with an extensive list of service in areas such as women's issues, mentoring young women, and services that provide for the well-being of our community. She helped to establish Crossroads Safehouse, served on state boards and city council and was Fort Collins Mayor. The street by the Fort Collins Police Department is named after Nancy.
10. **Sue Ferguson:** Sue is a leader serving immigrant and poor populations in organizations such as United Way and Faith Family Hospitality which is a Fort Collins nonprofit. She has provided extensive leadership assistance to enhance their mission to provide temporary housing and meals to homeless families in a network of church facilities. She is a role model for women and girls having served as Executive Director of The Women's Shelter and United Way of Fort Collins, and has worked locally and nationally in Japan for the Girl Scouts of America. Sue has worked to cross boundaries of faith, culture, class and community to make Fort Collins better for everyone.
11. **Dr. Susan Kirkpatrick:** Susan was the first directly elected Mayor of Fort Collins in 1990. She led the effort to stop cruising downtown and to create the natural areas policy plan and championed environmental issues. As the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs under Governor Bill Ritter, Susan worked supporting regional cooperation and strategic partnerships among state agencies, to improve the lives of all Coloradoans. Susan is the owner of Savory Spice Shop.
12. **Theodosia Ammons:** Theodosia arrived in Fort Collins in 1885 to teach Home Economics at Colorado Agricultural College (CSU). Theodosia co-established the CSU Department of Domestic Economy in 1895. She was the first faculty member of this department and the first female dean at the school. She was said to have definitely influenced the kind of education that emerged for young women at the college.

Group 3:

1. **Debra Bueno:** Debra empowers youth and has decades of being a community advocate for at risk Latina children. She grew up in a family of migrant farm workers. Debra, working at and as the Director of the North Side Aztlan Center over 30 years, created numerous clubs and classes to keep youth off the streets and out of trouble. Debra has also been the Board Chair for the Cinco De Mayo festival in Fort Collins for many years.
2. **Dr. Carole Makela:** Carole is a professor in School of Education and the first recipient of the Faculty Council Harry Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award (outstanding individual service to CSU Faculty Council). She has been a leader on the University Curriculum Committee for many years, and has made extraordinary service contributions to the School of Education, the College of Health and Human Science, CSU, and the field of Family and Consumer Sciences for many decades. Carole received the Soroptimist Making a Difference Award for Women in 2015 for inspiring and

encouraging other women. Her impact continues as a collaborator, mentor, advisor, professor, and community volunteer. Carole helped to establish the local Better Business Bureau and the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Colorado.

3. **Donna Visocky:** Donna was owner of Bella Spark magazine and creator of Evening of Extraordinary People Series. When Donna lost her youngest child to a car accident, her world came crashing down. Donna created the Kristi Visocky Memorial Golf Tournament and Kristi's Big Night Out. These events were to give back to the community by providing scholarships for impoverished young women to attend higher education to help them break the chain of poverty. Through her Extraordinary People Series, Donna brought leading edge speakers to our community such as Deepak Chopra and Wayne Dyer.
4. **Ida Patterson:** Ida was one of the first two nurses at the Fort Collins Hospital which was located at the corner of Olive and Mathews streets.
5. **Dr. Jan Carroll:** CSU Extension Director for Federal and Civic Engagement, Jan serves and has served in numerous roles at CSU and the state in support of families and children. Jan, a long-time member of the Junior League of Fort Collins, was a charter member of the Women Give organization that provides scholarships to single moms to help pay for child care as they complete their education. Her insightful projects through CSU Extension has impacted not only our community, but the nation and international women/girls as well. Jan has also invested her time in service to youth and families at risk and has provided training programs for individuals through the United Way, Loaned Executive and Board of Directors. Jan has committed her entire life to service in support of other, especially youth, single mom's and families.
6. **Libby James:** Libby is one of the most accomplished distance runners on the planet having only begun her running career at age 40. She is a freelance writer and a children's book author and has mentored young girls for over 12 years in a Climb Wyoming program. She is still a mentor to young and older adults. Libby logged her first world record in 2011 for the 75-79 age division at the Bolder Boulder 10K.
7. **Mable Parker Preble:** While at CSU, Mable obtained her graduate degree in Counseling and was a counselor in student health prior to the pursuit of her law degree at age 50. She became the first woman Mayor of Fort Collins in 1972 where she championed the city through the "Designing Tomorrow for Today" initiative. She helped bring to fruition a new city library, the Lincoln Center, the Poudre River Parkway, Transfort and Care-a-Van among many other pro-Fort Collins projects. She practiced law in Fort Collins and in 1986 became the judge for the 8th Judicial District of Colorado. She was the first woman in Fort Collins to join the bench. Mable has received many awards over the years.
8. **Marcile Wood:** Marcile developed and directed CSU's adult education programs and co-chaired the CSU Women in Development Committee. Marcile helped to establish the Volunteers Clearing House in 1967 and the United Day Care Center and the Women's Center in Fort Collins in 1970. The Marcile N. Wood Award was created by the City of Fort Collins Women's Commission in 1992 to recognize the efforts of people in our community whose volunteer or professional work improves the quality of life for women in Fort Collins.
9. **Dr. Margit Hentschel:** Margit is the co-founder and co-director for the CSU Center for Mindfulness. She is the Director of the Office of Service-Learning at CSU's Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT) and directs CSU's Community Engagement Leaders program. Margit has core beliefs that women have much to contribute and share in our community and world. Margit devoted her Ph. D. dissertation to the study of Noel Peace Prizes awarded to women and their strategies to overcome patriarchal societies to seek peaceful reconciliation. Margit is a role model for our community. Margit (Masters in Natural Resources and Ph.D. in Education) has

served as Environmental Manager for City of Fort Collins where she led a multimillion dollar cleanup of the Poudre River. She also created the CSU Mindfulness Center to help young professionals navigate the stresses of the working world. Margit has also led projects to support indigenous communities through environmental impacts in Colorado.

10. **Mary Carraher,MSW:** Mary is currently the Distance Learning Field Education Coordinator for the CSU School of Social Work. She previously served as the Director of the nonprofit Project Self-Sufficiency for 25 years. Mary devoted her time, expertise and energy to fulfilling the mission of that nonprofit agency, assisting low-income single parents build strong, healthy families and achieve economic independence. Mary is passionately committed to creating opportunity for those who cannot speak for themselves.
11. **Nora Rice:** Nora came to Fort Collis in 1867 and taught 6th and 7th grade at Franklin School. After her husband, who was a physician, died in 1902, Nora decided that with two small daughters she would go back to school with only the equivalent of a high school education and become a doctor. She gained admission to Michigan Medical School, an unusual accomplishment for a woman then, and spent two years there before transferring to the University of Colorado Medical School to receive her medical degree. Female doctors were more distrusted than trusted at that time. She opened a practice in Fort Collins and later moved to Baca County as the only physician in that county. Her daughter called her “an awesome, gutsy” lady.
12. **Pauline Birky-Kreutzer:** Pauline was a Peace Corp pioneer. As a Research Associate with CSU Research Foundation with Dr. Albertson, she co-crafted the proposal to create a national youth service corps. Pauline helped to develop and establish the Peace Corp which was founded in 1961, and she coordinated the first training of volunteers. She worked at a time when women were rare in the workforce, and, as such, she was a role model for subsequent generations of women.

Group 4:

1. **Arlene Ahlbrandt:** Arlene is noted for preserving Fort Collins history and individual’s history as an author and a woman in media. Arlene began publishing a newspaper in Wellington which is now the North 40 News and shared per passion for history in the numerous books she has authored. With a lifelong interest in history, she wrote tales of the people and the towns of Fort Collins and Wellington. She was a descendant of the pioneer Briggs family, who came to Colorado in 1887. She taught elementary school for several years before initiating her newspaper. One of her more famous books is about Annie, the railroad dog.
2. **Betty Moseley:** A retired CSU math teacher, Betty was the visionary for and co-founder of Elderhaus Adult Day Care Program which was organized in 1980 as the first of its kind in Colorado. She lobbied the state legislature to ensure Medicaid benefits could be used for the care of seniors in day programs, a key success factor even today in providing for quality day care of seniors across the state. Betty has spent the past 30 years as a selfless advocate for all members of society who are often overlooked, particularly seniors, those with disabilities, and the low-income members of our community. She has a servant’s spirit.
3. **Britta Clay:** Britta supports individuals through devastating situations, and empowers them with hope, guidance and strength. Britta is a Victims Advocate with the City of Fort Collins Police Services. She is a role model who motivates and inspires all victims, especially young girls who have been assaulted; teaching them they can be strong, have a voice and rights, and it is okay to stand up to the one who violated them. She touches the lives of many people in our community every day. Britta teaches volunteers from SAVA to help victims, she helps victims from the initial report all the way through the court process and helps them have a voice and seek justice. Britta has been recognized by the entire Fort Collins Police force as employee of month twice.

4. **Dian Sparling:** Dian found her calling in life to become a midwife as a Peace Corp member serving in West Africa. Dian has served the Fort Collins community for over 40 years and has delivered an estimated 2000 babies. Dian started Womenscare in 1981, as the only independent Midwife in Fort Collins. One of the first midwifery practices in Colorado, Dian has built this practice on the premise that no one is turned away because of a lack of means to pay the bill. Dian has been heralded as a midwifery pioneer in Colorado. She and her staff have been very involved in the community as they work to connect clients with community services as needed and participate in health fairs and other programs.
5. **Elizabeth Elliott:** Elizabeth first came to Fort Collins in 1979 and worked as music director at the university radio station, which needed funds. She staged an opera to raise money for the station and an opera company was born. Elizabeth created Opera Fort Collins out of her fundraising efforts. She was the artistic director for five years. In 1997 she put an ad in the newspaper for singers to start a choral group and 100 people showed up. Thus, the Larimer Chorale began in December of that year due to her efforts. The Chorale has performed in Europe and gives three one-night performances in Fort Collins each year.
6. **Hope Sykes:** Hope was a visionary and her mission was to help local people understand and accept German-Russians. She was a role-model for families to learn about the needs of children. Hope made a difference by bringing attention to children made to work in the fields. She authored a book "*Second Hoeing*," a sugar beet term about the German-Russian families who worked in the sugar beet fields. Her book stirred up controversy about families forcing their children to work in the fields, and in 1935 the New York Times review credited her book with contributing to the revision of child labor laws in America.
7. **Kathleen Baumgardner:** Kathleen created and ran the FoCo Café, a nonprofit, pay-what-you-can eatery, serving lunch daily and run 100% by volunteers. Her vision was to provide nutritious meals in an environmentally conscious manner. She is a role model demonstrating giving back to the community in a way that honors each person's contributions, no matter what the amount. The FoCo Café was environmentally conscious, having virtually no food waste. Plate waste is composted. The Giving Tree is a cart with racks filled with essentials for people in need or for donations for others to leave. The Cafe provides breakfast for food insecure families for the summer to help children. and hosted a FoCo Fridge for donations of excess produce for farmer/gardeners to share.
8. **Dr. Janice Nerger:** Janice is the Dean, for the College of Natural Sciences at CSU. She co-founded the Women in Natural Sciences (WINS) program at CSU, helped to establish the CSU STEM Center, and is an internationally recognized researcher in the field of human vision.
9. **Mildred Johnson:** Mildred obtained her bachelors and masters' in Business Administration from CSU and became an Assistant Professor and then professor of Business Communication in the College of Business. While at CSU she conducted research with Bell Telephone Labs in computer text analysis of business writing, opening the first such laboratory with a \$300,000.00 grant. Mildred has received numerous awards from CSU.
10. **Dr. Patty Lopez:** Patty is an engineer at Intel in Fort Collins who was featured in the Brawny campaign to recognize four smart, accomplished women who have busted gender barriers in traditionally dominated professions. Her picture was on the spring 2017 Brawny paper towel packages. Patty has been involved with organizations that promote advocacy for women in technology and STEM fields. She has been a role model/mentor for many young girls and women. Patty was the first to graduate from college in her family and went on to earn both master's and doctorate degrees. She was one of a few Latina's to do so in the US in 1995.

11. **Sherry Pelton:** As the Executive Director of Respite Care, Sherry influenced the local and national community, the staff and the children and families that she served. Her vision was to provide valuable assistance to families caring for children with disabilities, reducing family stress. Sherry set the standard for young people working at Respite care, most of whom were women, who aspired to make a difference in the nonprofit world. She exemplified the qualities of a successful, dynamic 'business owner', demonstrating to other women who strived to balance family, career and self. Sherry joined Respite Care when the organization was only 2 years old. It was failing financially. She worked hard to turn the agency into a stable and viable business and dedicated 28 years to making sure it would thrive far into the future, including securing the funds to build a 10,000-square foot facility and launching an Endowment which is now valued at \$2,000,000.00.
12. **Vicki Grassman:** Vicki's legacy is dedicating her life to improving the health and wellness of our community, to be a voice for those whose voices are silenced or ignored in the behavioral health profession. Her advocacy has focused on being an advocate for those with behavioral health needs. Vicki has been a role model, indeed an inspiration, in her service over 22 years as the Chief Operating Officer of Summit Stone Health Partners.

Heroes & Mentors: Role model/Mentor Art Workshops

Relationships are the foundation of how people of every age view and behave in the world around them. We often learn our behaviors from role models or mentors throughout our lives. The "Living Her Legacy" project will offer art -based outreach workshops for several targeted organizations and groups in the community.

The focus and method of our art-based workshops will be to provide a variety of media to create projects based on the theme of "role models and mentors." Workshops will include interactive conversation about the theme, the project overview and materials, instruction, and one-on-one guidance that will vary based on the age and skill level of participants.

Organizations to be included are: Aztlan Center, Boys & Girls Club, Matthews House and Poudre Library.

The teaching approach for each workshop will vary based on the age and skill level of each group of participants. Curriculum will be adapted in conjunction with staff of each selected organizations in order to achieve expected educational outcomes and simultaneously fulfill a creative component of the Her Legacy mission.

Workshop Content: The proposed art project that will be adapted for each organization is:

1. The student and adult female partner will discuss questions to get to know each other and then discuss role models and mentors in their lives. They will meet or learn about a Legacy Honoree.
2. We will discuss how aspen trees grow in Colorado and how they fit our mission. The students will tear newspapers to create an aspen tree trunk and limbs to begin their art project.
3. Creative Writing & Watercolor: Word "streaming" with mixed media writing tools (ranging from crayon, to pastels, to pen & ink). Selected word ideas chosen by the participants to express their "hero", followed by abstract flowing watercolors. Stickers defining role models/mentors will also be available. Both student and adult sign each of two art pieces. The student takes one home to discuss what was learned with their family and the other stays with the nonprofit.