



# June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020 Annual Report



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# Message from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of the Covid pandemic. We hope you all are staying healthy and hopeful.

As you know, we initiated the Living Her Legacy business entity in Colorado September 18, 2018. We are excited to share with you that we turned in our 501c3 application to the IRS the end of April, 2020. We anxiously await our response.



*Patti A. Smith*

The project was initiated in January 2014 under the Zonta Club of Fort Collins which I am a member of currently and have been for (9) nine years. The ZCFC Foundation remains our fiscal sponsor until we are approved by IRS as a 501c3 charitable organization.

Why Our Project Exists:

We are creating Her Legacy Project to inspire women and girls to discover themselves in the many talents, contributions, and achievements of women, both past and present, in our Fort Collins community.

"Inspiring Girls and Women to Create Their Own Legacies"

Recognizing Women. Inspiring Girls.

This recognition of notable women with ties to Fort Collins who have contributed to the fabric of our community will be the foundation of our art/education project.

We are planning the following education components:

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade role model/mentor art workshops: This was planned to be initiated in MAR 2020, yet; due to Covid was postponed until next year at a date to be determined
- Girl Leaders/Success for Teens school year program: We had planned to begin this program Fall 2020 we will wait to see what occurs with the Covid pandemic.
- PSD curriculum for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Fort Collins History, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Colorado History, Middle/High School Social Studies and Art Classes: These will be initiated after the first twelve portraits are installed.
- CSU curriculum for Women's Studies/Ethics Department: To be initiated after installation as well.
- Community Forums to discuss the art exhibit and content: To be initiated after installation as well.

Many of you may not know that I taught high school students (12) years when FRCC/LC first came to our community. I then facilitated my business as a Health Education Consultant for (20) twenty years helping school districts all over Colorado create year-long programs to introduce their students to the healthcare professions. I especially enjoy working with high school students.

We have a new Board of Directors that are very skilled and passionate about our mission. You will learn more about them in this report.

Thank you!

*Patti A. Smith*



# Mission

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# Vision:

Living Her Legacy is Recognizing Women. Inspiring Girls. We are creating a generation of change makers who will impact their communities and the girls who come behind them, with our women's art exhibit and our education programs for girls.

# Programs

These programs will begin hopefully in 2021.

## Role Model/Mentors



Through our Role Model/Mentor art workshops we will collaborate with Title I elementary schools and youth organizations supporting underserved 5th grade girls in an Inter-generational environment each paired with a senior woman community member.

This curriculum includes definitions of role model/mentors, sharing experiences growing up, question prompts to aid discussions, meeting a Legacy Honoree, discussing legacy honoree life journeys and a shared art project depicting what was discussed and learned together.

There will also be opportunities for 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys to be paired with a senior male participant.

Our art facilitator for 5th grade project is Trish Murtha, one of our portrait artists. She has many years of experience working with 5th grade students in similar projects.

## Girl Leaders



Through our core program 'Girls Leaders'/Success for Teens, for girls ages 16-19 and teen moms we are empowering the next generation of leaders, problem solvers and change makers.

LHL collaborates with schools and youth organizations supporting underserved girls ages 16-19 and teen moms', mainly from alternative high schools.

Our curriculum includes project-based content that teaches essential 21st Century Skills, including career discussions, critical thinking, creative problem solving, work ethics, civic engagement, financial planning, personal development, character development and entrepreneurship. This program also includes an internship and a scholarship after successful completion.



## PSD Curriculum



We have had a relationship with the PSD Curriculum Director, Robert Beauchamp, since February 2015. We have recently received a letter stating their partnership with our nonprofit to introduce students to these Legacy Honoree life journeys. We will work with the PSD teachers to help write the curriculum, following the installation of the first twelve portraits.

The curriculum for the Poudre School District (PSD) will be offered in the following grade levels:

2nd grade Fort Collins history, 4th grade Colorado history, Middle/High School Social Studies and Art classes. We will also work with the PSD Art Coordinator and the Social Studies Coordinator.

## Meet Our New Board of Directors



**Debbi Potts, President:** Debbi Potts, retired, has served on several non-profit boards when living in Nebraska. During her professional career she operated two non-profits as the Executive Director. Debbi founded and operated a non-profit childcare center initiating all of the by-laws and IRS paperwork in order for the center to qualify as a 501c3. Debbi spent the majority of her 30 plus work years in a career working for non-profits. She has vast experience in management, development of budgets, agendas and strategic planning.



**Natalie Phillips, Vice-President:** Natalie Phillips, Audiologist in FC, provides her professional services to many in the United States and other countries as a Global Hearing Ambassador to deliver the gift of hearing. She is the Founder/CEO of Connect4Excellence, a business which highlights women's accomplishments through podcasts. She initiated this company to assist individuals and businesses develop their brand, communicate their brand across social media platforms, create and run events, and bring awareness to ways companies can build in social impact into their business models. She is the author of ACT Now! A Simple Guide to Take Action on Your Greatest Goals and Dreams.



**Kristen Lang, Secretary:** Kristen Lang is an attorney who has committed her career to advocating for underserved and vulnerable populations. Women's empowerment has always been a component of her work, whether leading women's groups on campus in college; running an advisory group to empower her female students while teaching in a Title 1 school; or supporting the independence of her female clients and their mothers while representing children in the child welfare system. She currently works in the Office of Early Childhood Program, Access Manager · Colorado Department of Human Services



**Sonia Cooper, Treasurer:** Sonia Cooper is a Self-directed, innovative, business owner with proven experience, expertise, and perseverance to successfully coordinate sales and management activities.

Sonia Cooper is the President of Global Cooper Inc, West Palm Beach, FL which is a financial consulting program for business. She was previously a Senior Account Executive, BellSouth Telecommunications. Sonia has also been very involved in community in the following areas: Impact Palm Beach Member, FL; Quid Novi Innovation volunteer, CO and Rotary International Member, Program Chair, CO

### Directors:



**Uju Melvis Okeke, Director:** Uju Okeke is a 2019 graduate of Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO with a Masters' Degree in Communication/IT/Sustainability. Uju grew up in Nigeria. She has an interest in nonprofit work and supporting women's sustainability/equality. Uju is currently the Associate Marketing Director of the Learning Source and is currently a pursuing her MBA at WestCliff University, in CA.



**Jason Smith, Director:** Jason Smith is the Assistant Vice President for Development-Humanities and the Arts, University of Chicago. Previously Jason worked as the Development Director at UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA; University of Denver, Colorado as Development Director, at Access Fund headquarters in Boulder, CO; and on Development Team at Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, IL.



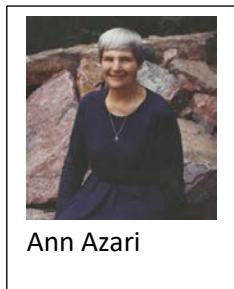
Caridad Souza, Director: Caridad Souza is the Director/Special Assistant Professor, of the Colorado State University Women's Studies/Ethnic Studies and Gender Research Department. Caridad has many, many years' experience in both the US and globally, with expertise in Social Policy, Qualitative Social Research, and Social Theory. Caridad has experience through a life-long passion for support of women and ethnic group equality.

## Thank You to All of Our Donors

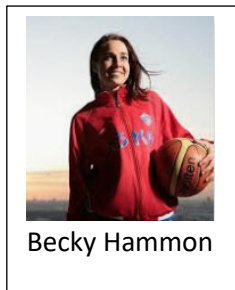
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Centennial Leasing & Sales office	Diana Wall	 <p><b>Centennial Leasing and Sales Office 4-year sponsor ~ Judy our bookkeeper/Steve Smith</b></p>
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Jan Nerger	Debbie Potts	
US Bank Grant	Northern CO Community Foundation Grant	
Open Stage Theatre	Steven Smith	
CSU Women's Studies	Leila Russell	
Zonta Club of Fort Collins		
<b>Financial Review Below:</b>	FY June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020	
<b>Total Revenue/Income</b>	\$17,132.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	\$16,832.00	
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	\$983.00	
<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	\$2,550.00	
<b>Total Ending Assets</b>	\$1,126.00	



# First 24 Legacy Honorees



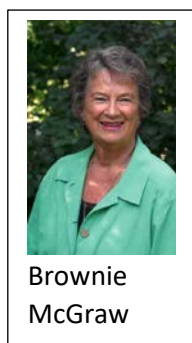
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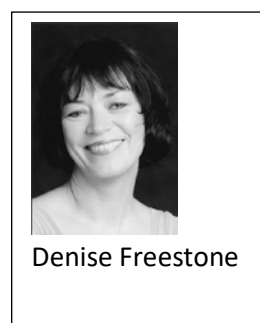
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Betty Aragon-Mitotes



Brownie McGraw



Denise Freestone



'Auntie'  
Elizabeth Stone



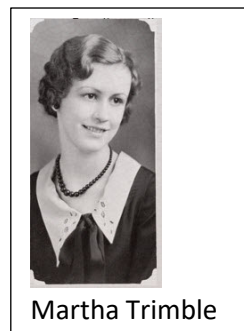
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Hattie McDaniel



Joan C. King



Martha Trimble



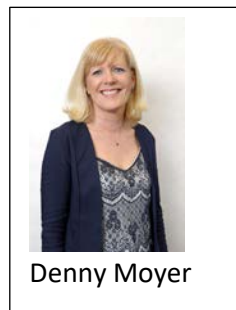
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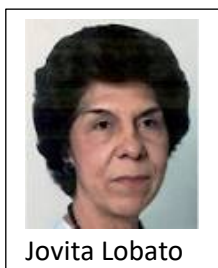
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Jerri Schmitz



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Kim Jordan



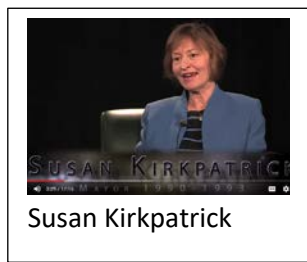
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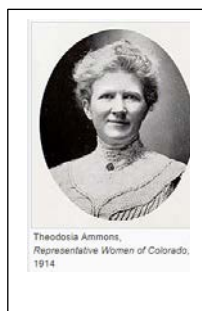
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Susan Kirkpatrick

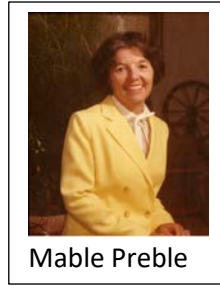
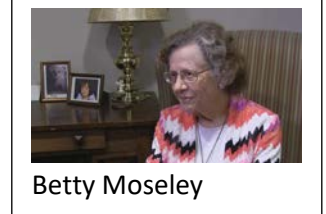
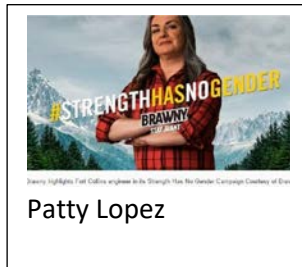
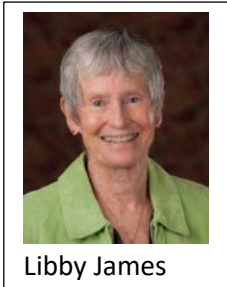
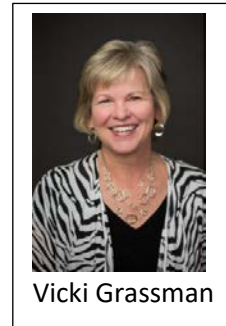
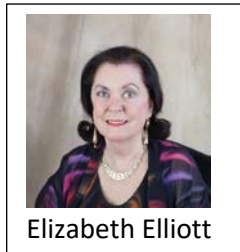
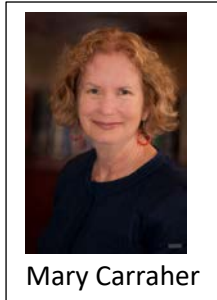
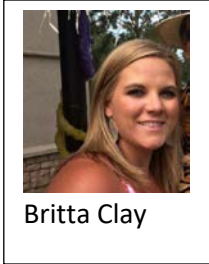
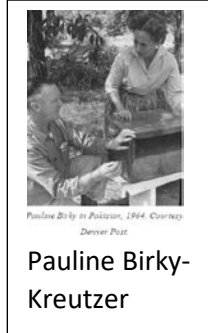
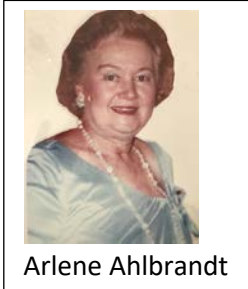


Theodosia Ammons,  
Representative Women of Colorado,  
1914




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Ammons

## Next 24 Legacy Honorees



To learn about these Legacy Honoree's impact, go to [www.LivingHerLegacy.org](http://www.LivingHerLegacy.org)





**Your support** has helped us to accomplish the following and so much more:

1. Pay artists payments on the creation of legacy portraits
2. Pay sculptor payments on the bronze frames (She then pays mold maker and foundry for their work)
3. Provide three business sponsorships for each quarterly ad in the Discover Fort Collins magazine. We recognize three legacy honorees in each quarterly ad. This process began in 2017 and continues through 2018, and 2019. We have successfully completed the first three groups of twelve Legacy Honorees. It will continue though 2021 so that all (48) forty-eight legacy honorees have been recognized, as the ads were curtailed in 2020 due to Covid,.
4. Pay for various types of marketing, mailings and donor thank yous in various publications, host donor appreciation events, planning team thank you events, new board meetings and hosted fundraising events.
5. Complete the IRS 1023 application process
6. Complete the planning for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Role Model/Mentor art workshops
7. Host Legacy Honoree recognition events.
  - a. We hosted a High Tea recognition event June 2016 at Avery House gardens
  - b. We hosted a recognition event at Everyday Joe's March 2018
  - c. Provide a yellow rose for each of our Legacy Honorees each year in March
  - d. Purchase Legacy pins for our Legacy Honorees.
8. Pay for our monthly expenses, mainly a CRM/Fundraising/Email system, to keep moving forward.
9. There are no paid employees currently.
10. We did hire a grant writer in 2019 and look forward to the assistance from Arula, Inc.
11. We could not be where we are today without your continued support. We are very appreciative of each and every one of you. Thank you for believing in our mission and joining our family of supporters!

## Looking Forward

Grant writing has been a huge challenge for me. I have written many grants and not received any and I found out it is mainly because we were not a 501c3 yet, we don't have any portraits displayed yet and more so because we needed education programs to ensure and demonstrate more of an impact in our community. I learn new things about facilitating a nonprofit each day. I am grateful for this education from our community donors, members, sponsors and from numerous free webinars I have listened to and learned from. We now have education programs and a grant writer. We are continually learning and moving forward.

We plan to continue to be out in the community honoring our Legacy women anyway that we can.

1. In the past we have sent them yellow roses in March during Women's History Month as our Zonta Club sells yellow roses to deliver them to women of any age during the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. We have partnered with G.L.O.B.A.L. Justice, Inc at their Women Empowering Women event and several of our Legacy Honorees have been speakers sharing their life journeys.
3. We have partnered with a group of local women to create a public list of all women's organizations and the events they offer during the month of March in our Northern Colorado Communities.
4. We participate in many community events to share this project and our Legacy Honoree stories.
5. I attend the Northern Colorado Business Women's Network, am a member of the Fort Collins Chamber Red Carpet committee and the Northern Colorado Nonprofit group and attend others on occasion.
6. We send newsletters at least every quarter and more with updates.
7. We are working towards our first unveiling event in 2020.



- a. The project costs much more than ever anticipated when we began this journey with a little idea. We learned along the way what we needed to do with the input from everyone we met. Thank you to all for your input and support.

~ Community Advisory Council ~



**Patti Smith**  
Project Chair 2013  
Executive Director  
2018



**Rachael Davis** Co-Chair 2013  
Project Art Director/  
Portrait Artist 2013



**Kirsten Johnson**  
Corresponding Secretary  
2014



**RJ Clay**  
Videographer / Music  
Consultant 2015



**Barbara Fleming**  
Writer Extraordinaire  
Author 2015



**Rosann Winn**  
Music Consultant  
2017



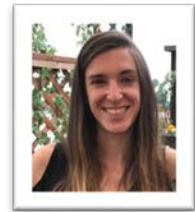
**Alyse Smith**  
Graphic Designer  
2017



**Julie Ulstrup**  
Photographer  
2017



**Trish Murtha**  
Role Model-Art  
Workshop Facilitator/  
Portrait Artist 2017



**Isis Lanigan**  
Portrait Artist  
2017



**Leslie Carol Botha**  
Social Media  
Face Book Posting 2018



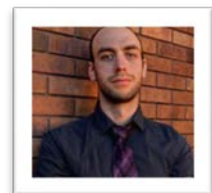
**Linda Brown**  
Education  
Assessment  
Consultant  
2018



**Aubrey  
Blankenship**  
Website  
Gallery pages  
2018



**Judith Barth**  
Bookkeeper  
2019



**Alex Koenigsberg**  
Grant Writer  
2019



## Testimonies

Karen McWilliams, FC Historic Preservation Society “I strongly support the Zonta Club of Fort Collins ‘Women’s Legacy Mural.’ I want my daughter to be exposed to and appreciate the significant contributions of women to our community throughout FC History.”

Matthew Robenalt, DDA Executive Director “Storytelling through art is a powerful form of Interpersonal communication, particularly when communicating an authentic experience of a city. The Zonta Club’s mural project, which will be highly visible to local and tourism guests of Old Town Square, imparts the spontaneity of publicly displayed art and place-making with the importance of reflecting on the stories of people that have made Fort Collins an intriguing place to visit, live, work and play.”

Katy Schneider, Marketing Director Visit Fort Collins “Fort Collins has a large appreciation for public art and adding an element of personal story telling through photographs would only heighten the attractiveness of the variety we have to offer visitors.”

One of collaborators at Poudre School District, Laura Cronen, District Art Coordinator, said the following about the project:

“Upon learning about the Her Legacy: Women of Fort Collins mural project I was excited for the unique addition to the culture of the Fort Collins community. The renderings by artist Racheal Davis capture each of the women represented in a wood cut print that have a timeless quality and will be enjoyed for years to come. Additionally, as the Visual Arts Curriculum Facilitator in Poudre School District, I look forward to collaborating with the Zonta Club to bring the artworks and historical information surrounding each of the chosen significant women in the Fort Collins Community to the schools. This will highlight both the arts and the accomplishments of women in Fort Collins and serve as an inspiration to girls and women to reach for their dreams as they learn about influential women, past and present, in their own community.”

## Donor Comments

~ Hooray! What a great project ~ A great project supporting local women ~ Good luck! ~This is such a worthwhile project! ~ So excited to see women being recognized for the incredible work they do every day. This project is a big step forward for women everywhere! ~ I look forward to reading about each woman’s legacy ~ Projects like this are so important, and I’m glad that these women are getting the recognition they so deserve ~I chose to give because women’s contributions to Fort Collins are and have been vital to the community and so need to be recognized ~ Wonderful program! ~ Good luck, I hope you make your



goal! ~ In honor of the women of Fort Collins~ Women's contributions have so long been overlooked or forgotten, so I support anything that helps bring these stories to light ~

## We Need Your Help

### Every Penny Matters

There are several ways to become a donor/supporter:

Share our project with your colleagues, family, friends and/or women's groups.

Visit: [www.HerLegacyFCdonate.org](http://www.HerLegacyFCdonate.org)

Text **GIVE** to 970-431-8980

Donate a vehicle: Call 855.500 (RIDE) (7433)

CarsEasy will do all the work, no cost to you except to make the call. Tell them it is for Living Her Legacy, Fort Collins, CO

You can also donate by mail: You can also mail a check to Living Her Legacy 2519 S. Shields ST., 1K #132 Fort Collins, CO 80526



### Volunteer and Help Make a Difference

Not everyone can make a financial contribution. We will also have education programs in future if you would like to be a participant in either our 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' role model/mentor art workshop or the Girl Leaders program.

- Volunteer with the events
- Volunteer to help write thank you notes
- Volunteer in a different way: \_Share your skills-you pick

Please visit our website [www.LivingHerLegacy.org](http://www.LivingHerLegacy.org) to learn more, or call us at 970-988-8529. Send this form by mail to our mailbox at 2519 S Shields St.1 K #132, Fort Collins, CO 80526, email as an attachment it to us at [Info@LivingHerLegacy.org](mailto:Info@LivingHerLegacy.org) or text a photo of this form to the cell phone listed above. We look forward to talking with you.

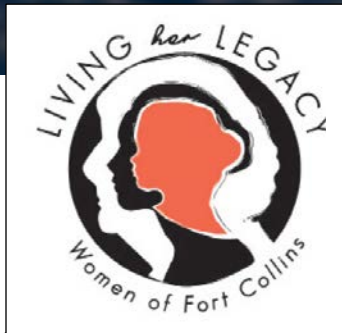
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