



# January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021 Annual Report



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# Message from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

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

This is our first annual report from JAN-DEC as we changed our fiscal year end of 2020 with our IRS approval.

Why Our Project Exits:

"Inspiring Girls and Women to Create Their Own Legacies" Recognizing Women. Inspiring Girls.

We aim to create a generation of changemakers who will impact their communities and the girls who come behind them with our women's art exhibition and education programs for 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 initiated this this program FEB 2021.
- 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 in 2023.
- 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.

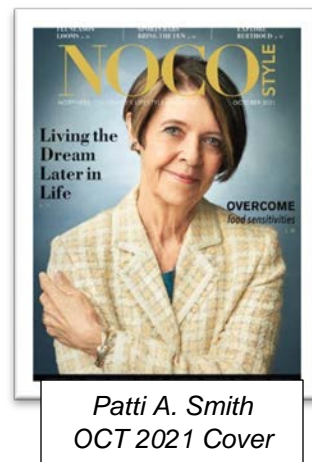
Many of you may not know that I taught high school students (12) years when FRCC/LC first came to our community. I then facilitated my business as a Health Education Consultant for (20) twenty years helping school districts all over Colorado create year-long programs to introduce their students to the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

We have a 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, R.N.*

*Founder/Executive Director*



*Patti A. Smith  
OCT 2021 Cover*



## Mission Statement

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.

## Vision

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

**Programs:** These programs were planned for 2021, depending on Covid.

## 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. (Moved to 2022.)

## 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.

This program ran from FEB 2021 to AUG 30, 2021. You can view a photo collage here:

<https://www.livingherlegacy.org/photo-gallery>

## 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.

## Art Installation



We were able to install the first 4 Legacy Honoree portraits out of 48 during Covid, APR 2021. Also, we hosted an interview with our Artistic Director/Portrait artist, Rachael Davis in APR 2021 live on Facebook and our YouTube channel.

You can learn more at [www.LivingHerLegacy.org](http://www.LivingHerLegacy.org).

We also held two' Lift Your Spirits' free virtual music concerts in 2021.

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# Meet Our Board of Directors



Jason Smith, President: 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. Jason has been a board member since 2018.



Judith Barth, PH.D.: Vice-President/Bookkeeper- Colorado State University Extension Director of Operations/Retired. "I support Living Her Legacy because too often women's contributions have been overlooked. Throughout Fort Collins' history, women have made significant differences in our community and society. These contributions need to be recognized and celebrated. I believe that Living Her Legacy will inspire future generations of young women to dare to make a difference." We showcase women's historical contributions to Fort Collins and provide a legacy and inspiration for young women today. Judy has been a board member since 2018.

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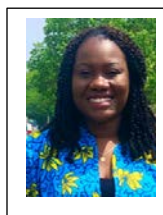
Barbara Lambert, Treasurer: Chair of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Loveland, CO events. Barbara has worked extensively with Northern Colorado Non-profits as well as organizations to promote diversity, equality, and inclusiveness. Board member since 2021.



Jessica Espinosa Novaria: BA Journalism, MA Applied Sociology-Secretary- Otter Product Evaluations Specialist. "I believe women and girls should have every opportunity to create the truest and most beautiful lives for themselves. They should be able to recognize their talents and passions as well as feel free and supported to pursue those talents and passions. Our society and culture has been built in such a way that girls and women have gone largely unsupported, unrecognized, and unempowered in doing so. With that said, it's an honor for me to walk with this organization and its supporters as we create a community that better supports women and girls in their journeys." Living Her Legacy helps create a community that recognizes, supports, and empowers girls and women. Board member since 2021.



Ujunwa (Uju) Melvis Okeke, Director: MS in Communication/IT/Sustainability-MBA. Uju grew up in Nigeria. She has an interest in nonprofit work and supporting women's sustainability/equality. Learning Source, Associate Marketing Director. Uju grew up in Nigeria. She has an interest in nonprofit work and supporting women's sustainability and equality. "For the better part of my life, I have always been interested in women's empowerment and emancipation globally. I believe that appropriate recognition of women's achievements would encourage young women to harness their potential that has been suppressed by patriarchy--especially in the public sector. LHL recognizes women's achievement to encourage young girls to strive to be hardworking and successful." Board member since 2018.



Joy Enyinnaya, Director: Ph.D. Candidate, Public Communication and Technology, Graduate Certificate, Gender and Power Difference. "I am beyond excited to join the Living Her Legacy team. As a woman and a mother raising two socially-conscious girls, Abby 8, and Eden 6, LHL is a where I get to interact and learn from amazing people who share similar interests in centering women's voices and inspiring young girls. I am also excited to bring African perspective to the group as I identify as a Nigerian Igbo woman. I am especially interested in supporting LHL because women and gender minorities are very so very often left out of stories, leadership, and media. LHL presents an opportunity to amplify women's voices and celebrate their achievements, while simultaneously inspiring younger generations to strive to be their best selves." Board member since 2020.



# Ex-Officio Board Members



Sonia Cooper, Marketing Consultant. 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. Board member since 2018.



Natalie Phillips, Streamyard Consultant: 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. Board member since 2018.



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. Board member since 2018.

# Thank You to Our Donors JAN-DEC 2021

Thank you	Donors, Sponsors	and Grants
Centennial Leasing & Sales office	Diana Wall	Dr. Mark Loury/Advanced Otolaryngology, PC, Denise Parrish, Kristen Lang
Judy Barth-Circle 50	William Harper/Realtor	Patti Stickler
Abby Chemers	Debbie Potts	Shawn Dunnigan/Car donation
Roe Bubar	Louise Creager	Melissa Venable-Circle 50
Catherin Long Gates & Margaret Long	Alex Koenigsberg, Rose Garcia	Richard Schoonmaker/Accountant Dwight Hall-CooperSmith's Brewery
Sonia Cooper-Global Cooper, Inc Circle 50	Chuck Jacquinot/MazTech All-Tech Automotive	Debbie McGraw-Hansen, Leila Russell
Patricia Lopez	Janet/Suzanne Gray	<b>Grants:</b> Women's Clinic of NO Colorado-Grant
Sherry Pelton	Ruth Dave Stemler	CityWide Banks-Grant
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Brenda Wood	Beth & Chris Jaconetty	<b>InKind &amp; Gift basket donors:</b>
Nancy Batten, Mary Carraher	Kathryn Longo/Hope Lives	Alex Koenigsberg-Aula Inc. Julie Ulstrup Photography, Leslie Botha-FB posting
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Mary Elizabeth Lenahan	FC Family Acupuncture	Hillside Vineyard-Tiffany Ward, Dwight Hall-CooperSmith's Brewery
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Colleen Crosson	Carole Makela	Open Stage Theatre & CO.-Sydney Parks
Teresa Funk	Ann Little	Teresa Funke & CO., Kim Martin ULending
Elise Carver/Hope Lives	Lisa Morgan, Carolyn Darr	Carl Dierschow-Small Fish Business Coaching
Karen Spruill	Vicki Grassman	



**Centennial Leasing and Sales Office 5-year sponsor ~ Judy our Vice-President/Bookkeeper with Steve Smith**

FY JAN 1, 2021-DEC 31 2021
Financial Review Below:
Total Revenue/Income-\$25,190
Total Program Expenses-\$11,701
Total Admin Expenses-\$5,467
Total Funding Expenses-\$5,599
Total Ending Assets-\$5,468



# First 24 Legacy Honorees



Ann Azari



Becky Hammon



Betty Aragon-  
Mitotes



Brownie  
McGraw



Denise Freestone



'Auntie'  
Elizabeth Stone



Gladys L. Eddy



Hattie McDaniel



Joan C. King



Martha Trimble



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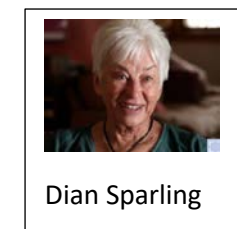
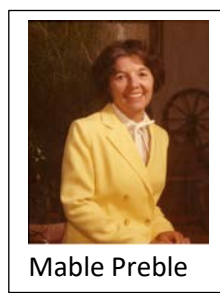
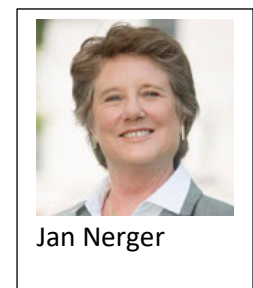
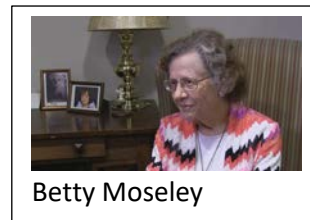
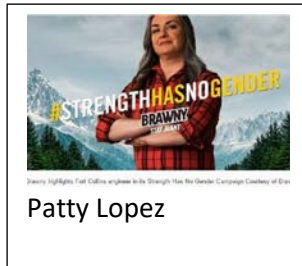
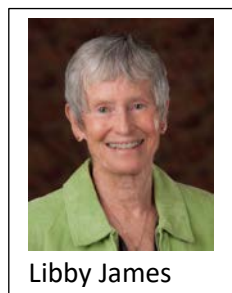
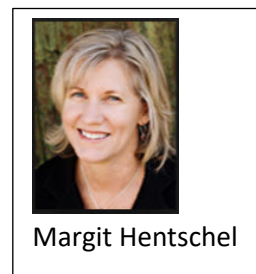
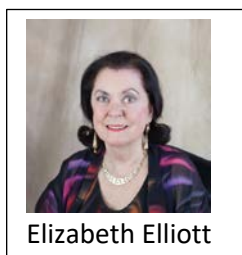
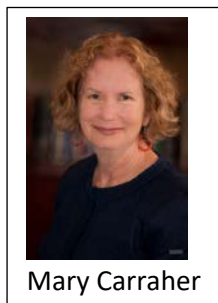


Susan Kirkpatrick



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## Next 24 Legacy Honorees



To learn about these Legacy Honoree's impact, go to <https://www.livingherlegacy.org/sponsor-portrait>





**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 recognized three legacy honorees in each quarterly ad. This process began in 2017 and continued through 2018, and 2019. We have successfully completed the first three groups of twelve Legacy Honorees. It did continue through 2021 so that all (48) forty-eight legacy honorees have been recognized, as the ads were curtailed in 2020 due to Covid. We completed all 48 Legacy Honorees recognition in the Discover Fort Collins magazine in 2021 issues.
4. Pay for various types of marketing, mailings and donor thank you's in various publications, host donor appreciation events, planning team thank you events, new board meetings and hosted fundraising events.
5. Completed the IRS 1023 application process in April 2020 and IRS approved SEPT 2020 as a 501c3 nonprofit.
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. Purchased Legacy pins for our Legacy Honorees.
  - e. First art exhibition unveiling APR 2021 in Old Town Fort Collins
8. In 2020 & 2021 we hosted our speaker series:
  - a. The first one offered from July 2020-AUG 2020 was about the Suffragette Movement and its impact in our community. We partnered with the Fort Collins Historic Preservation Services Department titled Her Story: Our Suffragists, A Collaboration and then SEPT 2020-NOV 14, 2020 we offered one about Women's Voices: A Conversation with Transformative Women. You can view these on our You Tube Channel: LivingHer (space) Legacy. We utilize a program called StreamYard that provides an inexpensive broadcast studio.
  - b. In 2021 we hosted our Artistic Director, Rachael Davis as our guest on our Artist Speaker series APR 2021
9. Pay for our monthly expenses, mainly a CRM/Fundraising/Email system, to keep moving forward.
10. There are no paid employees currently.
11. We provided two free virtual music 'Lift Your Spirits' concerts in 2021.
12. Patti Smith, Founder/Executive Director featured in an article OCT, 2021 NOCO Style magazine and was the cover photo.
13. 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 received none until 2021 and we received several with my efforts and our grant writer's efforts. We had not received grants until we were a 501c3, had portraits displayed, and an education program completed 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 had three individuals offer to help us with fundraising. 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 after Covid.

1. In the past we have sent our Legacy Honorees 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 participate in many community events to share this project and our Legacy Honoree stories.
4. 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.
5. We send newsletters at least every quarter and more with updates.
6. We are working towards our 2<sup>nd</sup> unveiling event in APR 2022
7. We are planning to host our first Role Model art workshop program in 2022 and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Girl Leader program in Fall 2022.

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.



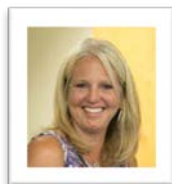
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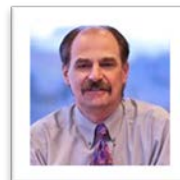
**Patti Smith**  
Project Chair 2013  
Executive Director  
2018



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



**Kirsten Johnson**  
Corresponding Secretary  
2014



**RJ Clay**  
Videographer / Music  
Consultant 2015



**Barbara Fleming**  
Author/ Writer  
Extraordinaire 2015  
Deceased, 2021



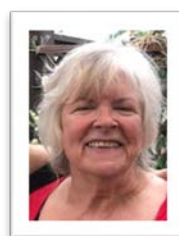
**Rosann Winn**  
Music Consultant  
2017



**Alyse Smith**  
Graphic Designer  
2017



**Julie Ulstrup**  
Photographer  
2017



**Trish Murtha** 2017  
Role Model Art workshop  
Facilitator/Product  
Co-Creator



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



**Judith Barth**  
Bookkeeper  
2019



**Alex Koenigsberg**  
Grant Writer  
Arula, Inc.  
2019

**Hannah Hayes**  
non-profit  
Grant Writer  
Arula, Inc.  
2021

**Brenda Davison**  
Website Designer  
Field of Dreams  
2021



## 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, Previous 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

Sign up for Amazon Smile to support Living Her Legacy with your every purchase.

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 offer education programs 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 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.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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