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Colorado Women of Influence, LLC announces the selection of twenty-three Women of Vision

Winners to be honored at July 21st Gala

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Colorado Women of Influence announces the recipients of the 2010 Women of Vision Awards.

1. Denise Bettenhausen, founder of non-profit Ensight Skills Center, life-long advocate for low vision rehabilitation programs in Colorado and the U.S.

2. Pamela Cook, hair stylist who spread the "Cut It Out" program dedicated to mobilizing salon professionals and others to fight domestic abuse in communities across the United States.

3. Maury Dobbie, entrepreneur, advocate for women, non-profit activist.

4. Lydia Dody, Founder of Style Magazine and the Lydia Dody Hope Lives! Breast Cancer Foundation.

5. Roxie Ellis, founder of two therapeutic riding clubs (Front Range Exceptional Equestrians and Hearts & Horses), co-founder of Alternatives To Violence.

6. Diana French, inventor and Founder of *Brand Spanking New*, a "green" retail thrift store funding her non-profit Ft. Collins Charitable Foundation whose donations sustain many No Colo non-profits.

7. Temple Grandin, Doctor of Animal Science and professor at Colorado State University, bestselling author, and consultant to the livestock industry in animal behavior. Grandin is also widely noted for her work in autism advocacy and is the inventor of the hug machine designed to calm hypersensitive persons.

8. Grace Hanley, Whole Foods, fundraiser, coordinator of Whole Planet Foundation (micro-loans in communities where Whole Foods products are raised).

9. Kristi Helzer, non-profit fundraiser & volunteer in Greeley

10. Jeri Howe, founder The Matthews House, serving at-risk youth ages 16-21 who lack significant family support in their lives.

11. Dr. Joan King, scientist, international speaker, author, coach and creator of Cellular-Wisdom."

12. Heather Janssen, founder Get Born Magazine, cancer survivor and mom.

13. Gailmarie Kimmel, advocate for supporting local businesses, founder BE Local No Co, the 20/20 Program, The Winter Markets and BE Local Coupon Books.

14. Carmeen Klausner, founder Pathways To Spirit, a non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to the provision of material assistance to and cultural preservation of Native Americans on the reservations of South Dakota and along the Front Range of Colorado.

15. Dr. Lori Kogan, founder Pets Forever (a nonprofit assisting low-income seniors and disabled residents in Fort Collins and Loveland who need some extra help caring for their animals) and the Crosstrails Program at Crossroads Safehouse (a unique program that provides emergency shelter/foster homes for pets belonging to Safehouse residents, ensuring safe and confidential housing for the entire family).

16, 17, 18. Dorsi Smith, Shannon Lopez and Amy Snider, founders of sports programs for girls & women. Dorsi & Shannon founded Rocky Mountain Youth Sports and Amy founded Colorado Force, a women's professional soccer team. These women created programs for girls & women in recreational and professional sports.

19. Dr. Barbara Wallner, major influence on Poudre School District programs & teachers. Worked to pass millions of dollars for the schools through the passage of mill levy overrides and bond elections. She is a CSU professor and founder of Opportunities Galore.

20. Elise Walsh, retiring language teacher who has sponsored trips to Europe for hundreds of school kids.

21. Lu Anne Aulepp, advocate of equal pay for women and women's rights since the '60's.

22. Linda Wheeler Holloway, former FC Police Detective, called for new DNA testing in the Peggy Hettrick murder, resulting in the release of Timothy Masters.

Each of our Women of Vision will receive a commemorative gift bag from Colorado Women of Vision members, valued at almost $1,000.00.

The Gala will be held on **Wednesday, July 21st at the Ft. Collins Hilton, and will include a champagne reception at 5pm followed by dinner and the awards ceremony from 6 to 9pm.**

Award Recipients will attend at NO COST, thanks to the generosity of these sponsors:

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Tickets are $55 and are available online at http://gr8ideasatwork.com/RegisterGala.aspx or by calling 970-669-5089.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

Colorado Women of Influence, LLC, was founded in February 2009 as a new women's business organization, with membership by referral only. CWOI hosts monthly "mastermind" events (Influence After Hours), educational workshops showcasing the knowledge of its members (SAVI Salons), on-site business showcases (Influential Introductions) and a variety of social events such as Girlfriend Getaways in Estes Park, Popcorn & PJ Movie Nights, and wine tastings.

With a current membership of 90, CWOI seeks to be the gathering place for a diverse group of women in business. For information on Colorado Women of Influence, LLC, go to the website at http://gr8ideasatwork.com/coloradowomenofinfluence.aspx or contact Ann Clarke at 970-669-5089.

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