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Four Community Leaders Join The Community Foundation Board of Trustees

The Community Foundation announces its 2007-2008 Board of Trustees

BOULDER COUNTY (May 4, 2007) – Four community leaders are joining The Community Foundation Board of Trustees this month. Nancy Stevens, Bryan Biesterfeld, Colleen O’Laughlin, and Rhonda Wallen will share their diverse sets of expertise to benefit Boulder County.

The Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. The Foundation connects the resources of local donors with non-profit organizations to facilitate philanthropy in meaningful and useful ways.

Nancy Stevens is Managing Director of First Western Investment Advisors, LLC. Prior to joining First Western, she opened and managed the Boulder office of Reber/Russell Company, a boutique investment management firm which merged with First Western in September 2006. Nancy provides wealth management and private banking services to individuals, families, family foundations, and non-profit endowments. She is responsible for overseeing First Western’s plans to open a private bank in downtown Boulder in Summer 2007. Prior to her ten years of experience in financial planning and investment management, Nancy was a Vice President at Wells Fargo Bank and spent 16 years in commercial banking. Nancy received her MBA degree in Finance from the University of Tennessee where she was a R.S. Tucker Fellowship recipient. She received a BA degree in Political Science and graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1978 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is a Trustee of The Community Foundation, a past President of Impact On Education, a past Chairperson of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce’s Esprit Entrepreneur, and served on the boards of E-Town, Inc. and Boulder Rotary Foundation.

Rhonda Wallen is President & CEO of Caveo Therapeutics, a biotechnology company focused on the development of new therapies for cancers and blood disorders. She also maintains a consulting relationship with Cygent Venture Management, a firm specializing in venture financing and operations for early stage life science companies. She has served as interim management for senior level business development and marketing activities, and works with life science company CEOs and founders to set the strategic direction of start-up companies, complete the business plans, and position the companies for financing. Rhonda was formerly a venture capital investment professional with Sequel Venture Partners and has over 15 years of venture investing and management experience. Prior to entering the venture world, Rhonda held management and operating roles in the biotech and medical device industries where she managed corporate development functions, including the negotiation of numerous licensing and strategic transactions. Rhonda earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and holds an MBA and M.S. from the University of Rochester. An active participant in Boulder civic and recreational life, she has previously served on the Boards of the Family Learning Center, as well as the University Hill General Improvement District, and enjoys the outdoors with her husband and son.

Bryan D. Biesterfeld, a Shareholder in the law firm of Robinson Waters & O'Dorisio, P.C., counsels business organizations and their owners with business and real estate transactions, raising capital, mergers and acquisitions, and estate planning. Prior to his 14 years of legal experience, Bryan worked in finance and management for Conoco, Inc. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Denver where he majored in Business Finance and German, and he received his law degree from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1993. Bryan is a past member of the Colorado Bar Association’s Board of Governors and is active in the Boulder community through Boulder United Methodist Mission Partners and the YMCA.
Colleen A. O’Laughlin is an attorney in Boulder emphasizing employment, estate planning and small business law. Prior to opening her own firm in downtown Boulder, Colleen worked in private practice and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado. She graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, *cum laude*, with a B.S. in Business Administration, and earned her Juris Doctor degree at the University of Denver College of Law, where she was the recipient of American Jurisprudence Awards in Trial Practice and Trusts and Estates. Colleen’s commitment to community involvement has included volunteer service with: the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless; the Colorado Women’s Bar Association Permanent Restraining Order Project; the Colorado High Schools Mock Trial Competition; New Vista High School’s School Improvement Team; and the National Voter Protection Program. In addition, Colleen has served as Chairperson for the Colorado Women’s Bar Association Permanent Restraining Order Project and the Legal Services Committee, and the Lawyer in the Classroom Project of the Boulder County Bar Association and is a graduate of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce Leadership Boulder program.

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