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BOHEMIAN FOUNDATION SHARES UPDATED GOALS, BREADTH OF WORK WITH COMMUNITY

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – Bohemian Foundation today announced the broadened scope of its work, its refreshed Community Programs goals and the naming of an executive director. This week the foundation also will launch a new website to provide clear and current information about its work locally, nationally and globally.

Established in 2001 by Fort Collins philanthropist Pat Stryker, the foundation has grown and developed over the past 14 years. Bohemian Foundation launched with a single local grantmaking program—the Pharos Fund. Since then, a larger Community Programs area has formed alongside the Pharos Fund. A Music Programs area was developed next, with the goal of building community through music.

The foundation today announced two additional program areas that have grown beyond their initial stages to become well-established grantmaking areas for the foundation. The foundation’s Civic Programs area, which started on a small scale in 2004, supports organizations working nationally or within Colorado to strengthen democracy. The foundation’s Global Programs area, which began as a pilot in 2010, makes grants to organizations working around the world to address challenges related to public health, poverty and the environment.

Today the foundation also announced refreshed goals in its Community Programs area. The updated goals represent the ideals that have shaped the foundation’s work since its start. These goals are: encouraging and enabling youth to thrive; empowering individuals and families on the path toward economic stability; and strengthening our vibrant community.

Bohemian Foundation's largest local grantmaking program, the Pharos Fund, aligns with the broader Community Programs goals, making funding from the foundation accessible to a wider range of eligible organizations. Grant applicants will use a new, online application for the Pharos Fund, and will have access to workshops and guidance from foundation staff during the application process.

Leading Bohemian Foundation is Cheryl Zimlich, who was recently named executive director, a role she has filled on an interim basis for the past few years. Zimlich also is a member of the Bohemian Foundation Board, a respected community leader, and a 20-year volunteer in the education and nonprofit sectors. In addition to her service at Bohemian Foundation, Zimlich has held board and leadership positions in more than a dozen local and national organizations.

Also reflecting Bohemian Foundation's refreshed focus is a newly launched graphic identity and website at bohemianfoundation.org. The foundation's new graphic identity and web presence aim to provide easily accessible information about the breadth of Bohemian Foundation's work in all four of its program areas.

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