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**BOHEMIAN FOUNDATION'S PHAROS FUND  
GRANTS \$500,000 TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY**

**FORT COLLINS, Colorado** – Bohemian Foundation is awarding \$500,000 in grants to 38 organizations serving clients in Fort Collins, successfully completing its spring 2008 Pharos Fund granting cycle. Since its inception in 2002, the Bohemian Foundation's Pharos Fund has awarded \$7.6 million to a wide variety of eligible and deserving nonprofit agencies in the Fort Collins area.

As a primary grantmaking instrument of the Bohemian Foundation, the Pharos Fund supports programs that empower people to help themselves. There is particular interest in funding organizations that focus on causes versus symptoms, those that establish high expectations for participants and programs that demonstrate inclusion of social and cultural differences. The Pharos Fund awards grants in three primary goal areas to: encourage and enable youth to become productive members of society; encourage organizations to work together; and be a catalyst for public awareness. Grants provide for program support, general operating, capital expense, equipment purchase and technical assistance.

Although a large majority of Pharos Fund's awards are for programs serving youth, other awards include programs supporting leadership, arts and culture, hunger relief and land conservation.

Some of the programs funded in the spring 2008 grantmaking cycle include: *Fort Collins Youth Broadcasting*, an online radio station operated entirely by Poudre School District high school students; Food Bank for Larimer County, providing hunger relief for low-income residents of Larimer County; Irish Elementary School's *Positive Connections*, a home visitation project that connects students and their families to resources and educational opportunities; Colorado State University's Center for Science, Math and Technology Education *Triunfo Leadership Tutoring Program* for at-risk youth; and the *Community School for the Arts* program established by the Salvation Army Fort Collins Corps to benefit low-income youth.

“Pharos Fund grants make life-changing, empowering experiences accessible to low-income children and their families at the Discovery Science Center,” said grant recipient and Discovery Science Center Executive Director Annette Geiselman. “The Bohemian Foundation is a compassionate and approachable organization that is truly invested in the welfare of our community.”

The Pharos Fund is named for one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World – the Great Lighthouse of Alexandria located on the island of Pharos. The name Pharos Fund expresses Bohemian Foundation’s desire to search for innovative solutions, to encourage and guide positive change, and to serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration that others might follow.

“We feel privileged to live in such a caring community,” said Pat Stryker, President of Bohemian Foundation. “Giving is our way of saying thank you to so many organizations that contribute to our community in such extraordinary ways. We hope by sharing our giving story we might inspire others to support these wonderful programs.”

Bohemian Foundation is a private foundation that works to create imaginative ways to connect fellow citizens and organizations to make the community a better place to live. Pharos Fund grant requests are considered twice a year. The next application deadline is September 11, 2008, and decision notification and program funding will occur in December. For more information about the Bohemian Foundation's Pharos Fund, contact Becky Cramer at (970) 482-4642, or visit [www.bohemianfoundation.org](http://www.bohemianfoundation.org).

### Pharos Fund Spring 2008 Grantee Organizations

CASA	Junior Achievement of Rocky Mountain
Center for Community Justice Partnerships	Lambda Community Center
ChildSafe Sexual Abuse Treatment Center	Legacy Land Trust
Colorado Blues Society, The	Lutheran Family Services
Colorado Children's Campaign	National Center for Craftsmanship, The
Community Foundation of Northern Colorado	Project Self-Sufficiency
CSU: Center for Science, Math, & Technology Education	PSD: Cache La Poudre Junior High
CSU: Department of Economics	PSD: Centennial High School
CSU: Department of Music, Theatre, & Dance	PSD: Irish Elementary
Discovery Science Center	PSD: Laurel & Putnam Elementary
Educo	PSD: Lincoln Junior High
Food Bank for Larimer County	PSD: Media Department/PSD Channel 10
Fort Collins Children's Theatre	PSD: Riffenburgh Elementary
Fort Collins Museum Foundation	PSD: SART
Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art	PSD: Wellington Junior High
Fort Collins Symphony Association	Public Radio for the Front Range
Fort Collins Youth Broadcasting	Salvation Army Fort Collins Corps
Front Range Community College Foundation	Santa Cops of Larimer County
Girl Scouts of Colorado	Wolverine Farm Publishing