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Family Center/La Familia Becomes “Site of Promise” for Supporting Youth

Fort Collins, CO – The Family Center strives to give its best to every child who comes its way. The center will be recognized for its efforts by being designated a “Site of Promise” on Friday, August 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at City Park’s covered picnic area. The designation event will take place during a celebration being held to honor graduates of the center’s Teen Works Program, which teaches teenagers job skills while allowing them to earn extra cash.

Becoming a Site of Promise means that The Family Center delivers 5 Promises to the children it serves, including: ongoing relationships with caring adults, safe places with structured activities during non-school hours, a healthy start, marketable skills and opportunities to serve the community. These promises, when delivered together, translate into a better chance of a successful transition into adulthood.

“Since The Family Center’s inception in 1995, we’ve offered programs that fulfill the 5 Promises and increase our children’s chance of success,” said Kelly Pytluk, The Family Center co-executive director and director of children’s programs. “We’re extremely honored to be recognized as a Site of Promise in Larimer County.”

The 5 Promises are the cornerstone of a national initiative called “America’s Promise” and its local affiliate – Larimer’s Promise. America’s Promise was founded in 1997 by U.S. General Colin Powell to provide the nation’s youth with what research shows they need to be well – physically, mentally and emotionally.

Larimer’s Promise is coordinated by the Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC).

Other Sites of Promise include Poudre Valley Hospital and its Healthy Kids Club, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County, Partners Mentoring Youth of Larimer County, the Fort Collins Youth Activity Center, the Northside Aztlan Community Center, the Lee Martinez Farm, the Center for Community Justice Partnerships and Loveland Youth Gardeners. These agencies are featured on the “Promise Station” at www.larimerspromise.org.

For more information about how to become a Site of Promise, the Promise Station Web site, America’s Promise or HCC, contact Kim Sharpe at 495.7503 or visit www.larimerspromise.org.

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The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County is an alliance of nonprofit, education, health, business, government and citizen leaders who collaboratively identify, develop and implement strategies to improve the health and well-being of county residents. Established in 1994 and located in Fort Collins, Colorado, HCC’s special focus since 2002 has been on improving the lives of our youth.

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