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Partners Youth Mentoring Program Gives Kids Five Promises Toward Successful Future

Fort Collins, CO – Many local “at-risk” youth are entering adulthood with the skills they need to be successful because Larimer County’s Partners Mentoring Youth program provides them with five building blocks – called “promises” – to help them achieve their full potential. The promises include providing: 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.

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Because Partners delivers these promises, the Partners agencies in Fort Collins, Loveland and Estes Park will be designated as “Sites of Promise” under the “America’s Promise” national initiative, founded in 1997 by U.S. General Colin Powell. Partners will be awarded its Site of Promise certificate and symbolic little red wagon during the organization’s annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Wednesday, April 21, at the Elks Club, 140 E. Oak Street, in Fort Collins. Partners joins the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County and Poudre Valley Hospital in being “Sites of Promise” for youth in Larimer County.

“As agencies, we all meet different needs, but America’s Promise provides a way for us to collaborate and share information,” said Tracy Cornutt, Partners of Larimer County executive director. “America’s Promise forms an umbrella over local youth efforts, building unity and making us more effective.”

Organizations that deliver at least three of the five promises, qualify as Sites of Promise. The Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC) coordinates the local America’s Promise effort.

Partners also is featured on the “Promise Station,” a new Web site (www.larimerspromise.org) that features information about agencies and efforts in the county committed to delivering the five promises to our youth, and how community members can get involved.

For more information about the local America’s Promise effort 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.