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New Web Site Highlights County's Commitment to Kids

Fort Collins, CO – Get on board Larimer County's "Promise Station" and learn how our community is improving the lives of our kids. The Promise Station, a new Web site (www.larimerspromise.org) that will launch on Friday, March 26, features information about how Fort Collins delivers five promises designed to support healthy youth development. 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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"The Promise Station will be our community's online gathering place – a one-stop shop for information, ideas and resources about how we can help our kids make healthy, successful transitions into adulthood," said Kim Sharpe, coordinator of the Healthier Communities Coalition of Larimer County (HCC).

The Promise Station is part of Fort Collins' involvement in America's Promise, a national alliance founded in 1997 by U.S. General Colin Powell. Poudre Valley Hospital (PVH) was the first entity in the city to get involved in America's Promise when it became a "hospital of promise" in June 2001. As such, PVH received a \$10,000 award to develop a "Five Promises Checklist," a guide that provides specific recommendations on how community members can help improve kids' lives and a list of local resources to help them do so.

The City of Fort Collins became a "community of promise" in June 2002 when city leaders made a commitment to systematically connect community resources and collaboratively provide our youth with far greater resources than could be provided by separate, disconnected entities. HCC coordinates the city's America's Promise effort.

For more information about 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.