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The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado presents Legacy and Founders Awards

FORT COLLINS, Colo., During its [Celebration of Philanthropy](#) in May, the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado presented its Legacy Award and Founders Award. The Foundation also welcomed Katie Kramer, president and CEO of the Boettcher Foundation, as the keynote speaker for its annual event. She captivated the audience of over 700 people with a message about the impact and power of philanthropy.

The Community Legacy Award is given annually to a Northern Colorado family that has demonstrated philanthropy and volunteerism through multiple generations. Honors for 2019 were awarded to the [Gallegos family](#).

Since its founding in Fort Collins in 1959, **Gallegos Sanitation** has provided waste removal throughout Northern Colorado, and the company has established itself as an innovative leader in safety, service, and sustainability. Over 60 years, the Gallegos Family has built its business on community partnerships and donating to a wide variety of charitable causes. The company models and teaches the importance of giving back, not only to the community but also to employees, which it has demonstrated for generations. The legacy of the Gallegos Family is deeply rooted in Colorado. In fact, Gallegos family members still hold a license for a business that started in 1857 in San Luis, representing Colorado's oldest continuously run business, in the oldest continuously occupied town in Colorado.

The Founders Award recognizes individuals and families that have provided exceptional leadership, both to the Community Foundation and Northern Colorado. The award celebrates the crucial role leadership plays in strengthening nonprofits and creating dynamic communities.

Our 2019 award recipients, [Lynn and Norma Hammond](#), have been a force for community progress in Loveland since the 1960s – as both dedicated volunteers for numerous organizations and philanthropists. The couple has made a meaningful impact in many areas, including schools, the Loveland Rotary Club, the Loveland High Plains Arts Council, and in the Foundation's Loveland Generations. Because of the Hammonds' leadership and generosity in the creation of an amphitheater near Loveland High School, the Hammond Amphitheater now bears their name.

About the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado

The Community Foundation is a nonprofit, public foundation working for the benefit of charitable causes and organizations in Northern Colorado. It manages more than 500 individual charitable funds and over \$110 million in assets; it serves a unique leadership role by bringing people and resources together around important local issues. More than 50 nonprofit organizations have their endowments housed with the Community Foundation, and hundreds of individuals and businesses have established donor advised funds. www.nocofoundation.org

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