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The Colorado Health Foundation Awards \$125,000 Grant to Parent Pathways

DENVER – Feb. 20, 2009 – The Colorado Health Foundation has awarded a \$125,000 grant to Parent Pathways, a non-profit organization that helps teen parents raise healthy families, Parent Pathways President and Chief Executive Officer Noreen Keleshian announced today.

“The generosity of The Colorado Health Foundation means so much in this tough economic climate,” said Ms. Keleshian, noting that the grant amount was \$20,000 higher than the foundation’s previous \$105,000 award to Parent Pathways. “When so many organizations are cutting back in their giving, it’s gratifying to receive this strong affirmation from The Colorado Health Foundation that the health of teen parents and their children is a priority.”

“Parent Pathways’ work in providing educational, health and social support services to pregnant and parenting teens is critical to our vision to make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation,” said Anne Warhover, President and CEO of The Colorado Health Foundation. “This grant will provide parent-child development education, insurance plan enrollment and preventive, primary and mental health care, and will meet all of the Foundation’s goals of ensuring all people have access to the components of healthy living, health coverage and coordinated health care.”

The two-year grant awards Parent Pathways \$60,000 for use in the first year and \$65,000 for the second. The agency must generate \$10,000 in matching funds the first year and \$15,000 the second year.

Parent Pathways plans to use the funds to increase the number of young parents who are educated about child development, nutrition and preventive health care, and to increase the number of children and teen parents served who have adequate health coverage.

About Parent Pathways

Parent Pathways is a Denver-based non-profit that empowers struggling teen families to be productive members of the community. Our holistic and progressive approaches in the areas of education, early childhood education and supportive services encompass the entire teen family. We help our clients succeed by providing teen mothers with education through the Florence Crittenton School, by providing infant and toddler care for their children, and by counseling and supporting teen fathers. Learn more at www.parentpathways.org.

About The Colorado Health Foundation

The Colorado Health Foundation works to make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation by increasing the number of Coloradans with health insurance, ensuring they have access to quality, coordinated care and encouraging healthy living. The Foundation invests in the community through grants and initiatives to health-related nonprofits that focus on these goals, as well as operating medical education programs to increase the health care workforce.

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