

# FORT COLLINS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

## 1996 WORK PLAN

November 30, 1995

### **Introduction:**

The Fort Collins Commission on the Status of Women will continue to focus efforts toward addressing the needs of women in the community in ways that are visible, credible, and relevant. A number of activities that have historically been sponsored by the Commission over the years will continue in 1996. This report outlines planned activities of the Commission.

### **Current Activity:**

The Fort Collins Task Force Report : A report to City Council - The mission of the follow-up research study is: to gather and document current information on issues critical to the status and opportunities for women in the community and prepare a report with recommendations for POSITIVE change. The Commission on the Status of Women has begun work on the Task Force Report and anticipates the results to be given to City Council by August of 1996.

### **Traditional Activities:**

Women's History Month Essay Contest - The Commission will sponsor an essay contest for Junior High students. We will work with Carol Ann Hixon at Poudre R-1 to coordinate distribution of the contest invitations early in January. Entries will be reviewed in early March 1996 and the winning essays will be presented to the Fort Collins Coloradoan for possibly publication later in the month. Contest winners also are presented certificates and monetary awards at a subsequent City Council meeting.

Women's Celebrations - The Commission will continue to increase the visibility of the Fort Collins Commission on the Status of Women by participating or taking a lead role in those events celebrating women. The Commission will lead Fort Collins in the celebration of:

1. Women's History Month (March) publicize the events celebrating women.
2. Women's Equality Day (August) through the sponsorship of buttons and awareness.
3. Marcile N. Wood Award (August) by presenting the award to a outstanding nominee who has made considerable positive contributions to the women of Fort Collins.

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**Liaisons to the Community:**

The Commission on the Status of Women will investigate the possibility of having liaisons collaborate with other community organizations that are involved with important issues relating to and affecting the status of women in our community. A sample of these issues could include sex/health curriculum in elementary and secondary education, affordable housing, sexual discrimination, and health care services. Consequently, community organizations may include Colorado State University Women's Commission, The Women's Center, Poudre R-1, or Health Care Access Coalition. Additionally, a collaborative liaison to the Human Relations Commission will continue. This representative will be responsible for keeping the Commission informed of new and existing developments.

**Task Force Activities:**

The Boards and Commissions Outreach and Training - The Commission on the Status of Women will have representatives work in conjunction with representatives from the Human Relations Commission to develop a program/project that will increase the diverse ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds of potential applicants to City Boards and Commissions.