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NEWS RELEASE

CHRYSALIS FOUNDATION MARKS 30 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR IOWA GIRLS AND WOMEN

Des Moines, Iowa – Throughout 2019, the Chrysalis Foundation will celebrate 30 years of ensuring that girls and women have every opportunity they need to be successful. The anniversary theme, “Leading Legacies,” describes the organization’s history and anniversary events throughout the year.

As a public charity, Chrysalis was founded to ensure the safety, security, education, and economic empowerment of all girls and women in central Iowa. To give focus on the challenges facing all girls and women, a range of events throughout the year will introduce the legacies of Chrysalis founders – Louise Rosenfield Noun, Senator Elaine Szymoniak and attorney Barbara Barrett – who established the foundation in 1989.

Today, Chrysalis continues to raise funds, deliver grants, lead programs and educate the community through the support and participation of local partners, schools, colleges, donors and volunteers. Thousands of girls have participated in Chrysalis After-School programs since it began in 1998, and tens of thousands have benefitted from the work of agencies partnering with Chrysalis for more than 30 years.

The Chrysalis Foundation will renew its legacy in 2019 by honoring the girls, women and men who are actively working to eliminate barriers girls and women face, and who will continue to lead this work into the future. The year of anniversary activities ensures that the founders’ legacies will endure, influence and benefit the Greater Des Moines community for years to come.

Details on the 2019 Chrysalis events and links for registration are available at chrysalisfdn.org or by calling the foundation at (515) 255-1853. All events are open to the public.

fund>forward events

“fund>forward” events invite participants to connect with a network of Chrysalis friends who learn, engage, and “pay it forward” to create a better future for the community. These events provide an innovative way to become involved in hands-on philanthropy while learning about the girls and women Chrysalis funds reach.

fund>forward: Chrysalis Rocks! — April 1, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

fund>forward: Girlpower Paks — April 29, 2019, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Chrysalis Board and Friends Reunion

Marking the 30th anniversary of its founding, Chrysalis will host a recognition reception for current and past board members and longtime friends of the foundation. The event will be held on the date of founder Louise Rosenfield Noun’s birthday (1908-2002); recognition will also be given to founders Elaine Szymoniak (1920-2009) and Barbara Barrett, who will be the evening’s featured speaker.

Chrysalis Board and Friends Reunion – March 7, 2019, 6-8 p.m., The Republic on Grand

Chrysalis Conversations Speaker Series

Recognized for its annual luncheon speaker series featuring local women whose wisdom and experiences deliver meaningful lessons, the 2019 Chrysalis Conversations series will highlight the passions of Chrysalis founders: Louise Noun, Elaine Szymoniak and Barbara Barrett.

Featuring modern-day women continuing these legacies, the luncheons will be held from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Wakonda Club, and guests are encouraged to bring a colleague or peer.

More information on tickets or tables is online: chrysalisfdn.org

Change Starts with Women featuring Vanessa Espinoza and Miyoko Hikiji — March 27, 2019

From Policy to Public Service featuring Shekinah Young and Christine Hensley — April 17, 2019

Going Off Script featuring Kimberly Stamatelos — May 22, 2019

Chrysalis INSPIRED Event

Powerful national speakers are featured at the foundation's annual fundraising and educational event. The 2019 keynote speaker will be Dolores Huerta, renowned American labor union leader and civil rights activist. With Cesar Chavez, Huerta founded the National Farmworkers Association and has been a recognized movement leader, receiving numerous awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The event will be held at the Hilton Des Moines downtown from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; more information on tickets or tables is online: chrysalisfdn.org

2019 Chrysalis INSPIRED Event featuring Dolores Huerta – September 20, 2019

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