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**DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HONORS SHEILA BUGDANOWITZ
POSTHUMOUSLY WITH A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

DENVER – Sheila Bugdanowitz received a Distinguished Service Award from the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The award was presented by DRCOG board secretary Bob Fifer at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration on April 26 at the Sheraton Downtown Denver.

Bugdanowitz served as the president and CEO of the Rose Community Foundation beginning in 1998. Formed in 1995, Rose Community Foundation serves the Denver region in the areas of aging, child and family development, education, health and Jewish life.

“Bugdanowitz was a tireless champion and advocate for collaboration in our region, bringing in funding and support for numerous community programs and services. In the years she served at the helm of Rose Community Foundation, she improved the lives of countless individuals and families across our region,” said Doug Rex, DRCOG’s acting executive director.

Under Bugdanowitz’s direction, Rose Community Foundation spearheaded numerous initiatives to support healthy and successful aging across the region. Efforts include supporting Jefferson County’s Aging Well, Denver’s Age Matters Initiative, Colorado Latino Age Wave, Senior Source and naturally occurring retirement communities in Edgewater, Wheat Ridge and the Capitol Hill area.

Bugdanowitz passed away on December 4, 2016.

DRCOG presents Distinguished Service Awards to individuals who make significant contributions to the Denver region and its communities and to DRCOG’s programs and activities. The regional council has been honoring outstanding achievements for more than 30 years.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, and aging and disability resources.

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