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## Denver leaders come together to celebrate 40 years of Leadership Denver

DENVER—Over 400 community leaders will gather today to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leadership Denver, the flagship program of the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation.

Leadership Denver is an 11-month program that equips active leaders with the tools they need to assume civic leadership roles in the metro Denver community. Notable graduates of the program include Mayor Michael Hancock, Roxane White, chief of staff for Governor John Hickenlooper, and Governors Bill Owens and Bill Ritter, who are honorary co-chairs of the event.

The anniversary event, held at the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center, will bring together alumni of Leadership Foundation programs and public officials in support of the work of the organization and the accomplishments of its alumni over the past four decades.

"We will celebrate not only the impact that Leadership Denver has had on our personal and professional lives, but also the impact that the alumni of the Leadership Foundation programs have had on our community," said Cindy Parsons, chair of the Leadership Foundation board of directors and vice president of public relations for Comcast.

Alumni of Leadership Denver have worked on major collaborative projects such as FasTracks, the re-development of Lowry, and the Denver International Airport. In addition to building for the future, participants of Leadership Denver have a strong focus on community building.

"Leadership Denver has created a vast network of leaders that is a tribute to the original business leaders who formed (the program), and the ongoing leaders who realize the validity of the program," said Ed Romero, alumnus of the first-ever Leadership Denver class of 1974, and CEO of Romero & Wilson.

Each Leadership Denver class engages major issues facing the metro area through in-depth seminars, retreats, and a group community service project.

"It is an honor to be a part of that very first class because each class continues to be more educated, advanced, knowledgeable, and able to see what the city is going to look like in the future," said Romero.

*Note to editors: Event photos are available upon request. Media are welcomed to attend the June 6 event. Please contact [Danielle Mellema](#) for event information.*

### **About the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation**

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