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**30th Annual Bonfils-Stanton Awards Honors
Renowned Leaders for Significant Contributions to Colorado**

Prominent Colorado foundation recognizes three extraordinary Coloradans and announces the distinguished 2015 class of Livingston Fellows

DENVER - May 8, 2015 – [The Bonfils-Stanton Foundation](#) celebrated the 30th anniversary of its [Annual Award Program](#) by announcing the 2015 recipients of the prestigious Bonfils-Stanton Awards. The awards recognize Coloradans advancing excellence in Arts and Humanities, Community Service and Science and Medicine. The Foundation also unveiled its 11th class of the esteemed [Livingston Fellowship Program](#), which helps move nonprofit leaders from success to significance by providing advanced learning and professional development opportunities, including a \$25,000 grant.

The 2015 Award Recipients:

- Dianne Reeves, five-time Grammy award winning jazz vocalists (Arts and Humanities)
- Adele Phelan, long-time child advocate fighting for access to health care and education (Community Service)
- Dr. Kristi Anseth, leading researcher and inventor in the fields of biomaterials and regenerative medicine (Science and Medicine)

The 2015 Livingston Fellowship Class:

- Cristina Aguilar, Executive Director, Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)
- Rachel Basye, Executive Director, Arts Students League of Denver
- Malik Robinson, Executive Director, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance
- Teva Sienicki, Executive Director, Growing Home
- Stephanie Villafuerte, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Children’s Law Center

“For the last 30 years, The Bonfils-Stanton Foundation has recognized exceptional Coloradans for their inspirational work that has advanced our lives in immeasurable ways,” said J. Landis Martin, Chairman of the Board, Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. “Our three honorees are a true inspiration for Coloradans and we honor them today for their continued commitment, dedication and overall innovation in their fields.”

The Bonfils-Stanton Foundation is a private, non-profit Colorado-based organization with a long history of funding a variety of art and entertainment institutions through substantial grants that support, enrich and elevate Coloradans exposure to arts and non-profit organizations. Since its inception in 1962, The Foundation has been helping to cultivate unique experiences for audiences while also recognizing and supporting leaders in our community who are making a difference and inspiring others to follow in their lead.

Since 2005, the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation has funded 50 Livingston Fellowships. The Fellows have traveled nationally and internationally, attended elite academic programs, met with prominent leaders in their fields, and championed causes including homelessness, aging, mental health, youth and the arts. Senior Fellows will serve as mentors to the 2015 class, creating a growing network of inspired leaders to strengthen Colorado's nonprofit community.

“It is an honor each year to recognize extraordinary leaders who improve and enhance our communities every day,” said Gary Steuer, president and CEO of The Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. “At the Foundation we believe that the Livingston Fellowship program has a profound impact by providing leaders of great potential with the resources and tools to take their leadership to a new level.”

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About the Bonfils-Stanton Awards

The Bonfils-Stanton Awards honor outstanding Coloradans for significant contributions in the fields of art and humanities, community service, and science and medicine. This annual award program was established in 1984 in recognition of Charles Stanton's desire to bring acclaim to their efforts, and motivate others to greater accomplishments. Please visit www.bonfils-stanton.org for past honorees and additional information.

About the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation

At Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, we believe that extraordinary arts and leadership are key to building a vibrant Colorado. Every day, we strategically invest in imagination and leadership, because cultivating the creative spark is vital to making our community an exciting place where people want to live, work and thrive. Since its founding, the Foundation has distributed over \$59 million in charitable contributions.