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A look at the accomplishments of Boulder County people

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The Women's Wilderness Institute founder **Laura Tyson** and YWCA of Boulder County Executive Director **Janet Beardsley** were honored with a "Be Bold" award at the Women's Foundation of Colorado's 20th anniversary celebration.

The two women were selected based on their experience in providing programs and opportunities for girls and women that build courage, self-esteem and self-sufficiency.

Tyson was selected because her vision and work exemplify the three underpinning criteria of the "Be Bold" award, including working as a change agent for women's and girls' interests. When Tyson founded The Women's Wilderness Institute in 1998, she established a new model of outdoor education that recognizes the needs and developmental issues of teen girls.

Beardsley was chosen based on her 21 years as executive director of the YWCA of Boulder County, where she leads the organization's programs and public policy initiatives that promote the advancement of children, empowerment of women and girls, and elimination of racism.