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***BONFILS-STANTON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2006 LIVINGSTON
FELLOWS***

Program Awards \$125,000 to Nonprofit Executives

(Denver, CO – April 28, 2006) Today, five nonprofit leaders, described as “rising stars,” were each awarded fellowships of up to \$25,000 by the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. The Foundation’s Livingston Fellowship Program, now in its second year, provides advanced professional development opportunities to promising Colorado nonprofit leaders.

Chairman J. Landis Martin announced the awards at the Foundation’s 21st Annual Awards Luncheon.

“The Foundation recognizes the great impact nonprofit organizations make on our community,” noted Martin. “The Livingston Fellowships provide a much-needed investment in the professional growth, development, and potential of the nonprofit sector’s emerging leaders, now and for the future.”

The 2006 Livingston Fellows are:

- **Jennifer Adler**, Executive Director of Invest in Kids, Denver, Colo.
- **Valin Brown**, Executive Director of Colorado Bright Beginnings, Denver, Colo.
- **Melinda Higgs**, President of the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center, Denver, Colo.
- **Marguerite Salazar**, President and CEO of Valley Wide Health Systems, Inc., Alamosa, Colo.
- **Brian Wagner**, Executive Director of the Durango Arts Center, Durango, Colo.

The five Fellows were nominated by a panel of Colorado community leaders, interviewed by an independent consultant, and reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees. Each demonstrated exceptional leadership ability; potential for significant contribution to the nonprofit sector; and the ability to be a model of leadership and change for the people and organizations in Colorado’s nonprofit community.

As is traditional, each fellow will design a program of activities that may include study, research, skill enhancement, professional development, and peer learning. Last year’s

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Fellows will act as mentors to the 2006 class, creating an extensive network of inspired leaders to strengthen Colorado's nonprofit community.

The fellowship awards carry the name of longtime Trustee and Chairman of the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation, Johnston R. Livingston. Livingston, a Trustee for the Foundation since 1979, has provided leadership to the Board of Trustees since 2000, and continues as a Trustee and Chairman Emeritus. His career included management positions at Honeywell and Whirlpool in addition to the start-up of two manufacturing companies. He has been an active volunteer and board member for a number of nonprofit organizations including the World Trade Center Denver, Denver Symphony Orchestra, and the Institute of International Education—Rocky Mountain Region.

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