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## Ready, Set, Grow!

Graduation Celebration and Fundraising Luncheon

### SAVE-THE-DATE!

**Ready, Set, Grow!**  
Annual Graduation Celebration & Fundraising Luncheon

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Reception  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Luncheon  
Donald R. Seawell Grand Ballroom at  
The Denver Center for Performing Arts Complex

**RSVP by April 6th online:**

Visit [www.womensbeanproject.com/RSG2017](http://www.womensbeanproject.com/RSG2017) or call  
Luanne Hill at 303.292.1919 ext. 113 or email  
[luanneh@womensbeanproject.com](mailto:luanneh@womensbeanproject.com) for more info.  
**Limited Seating**

## table captains make the difference

Women's Bean Project is seeking Table Captains to host tables at our annual fundraising luncheon and graduation celebration, *Ready, Set, Grow!* The success of this event hinges on the participation of friends like you.

Family, friends, neighbors and work colleagues make excellent potential guests at your table. The luncheon is free for you and your guests to attend, although everyone will be asked to consider a financial contribution. Table Captains do not have to ask for money, and there is no minimum or maximum gift level. We help Table Captains by providing stories, tours and other resources to connect prospective guests to our mission.

If you are currently a Table Captain or interested in being one, please attend an informational Meeting. For more information, please contact Luanne Hill by calling 303.292.1919 ext. 113 or email [luanneh@womensbeanproject.com](mailto:luanneh@womensbeanproject.com).

**You can truly make a difference!**

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## Corporate Social Responsibility

### Women's Bean Project wants YOU!

You can be a corporate sponsor for *Ready, Set, Grow 2017*. Create change by supporting Women's Bean Project's annual fundraising effort. It's a win/win opportunity. You receive generous recognition through various Women's Bean Project marketing communications. Fill a table of friends and colleagues at the event and show your community involvement.. By sponsoring the event, you help to ensure that all funds raised at *Ready, Set, Grow* directly support program services.

Contact Luanne Hill @ [luanneh@womensbeanproject.com](mailto:luanneh@womensbeanproject.com) or  
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THE NEWSLETTER OF WOMEN'S BEAN PROJECT

FEBRUARY 2017 ISSUE

## I am Women's Bean Project



### Program Success Story is Linked to Social Impact

You may remember reading a testimonial from one of our May hires, Charlotte, in our last newsletter. We have an exciting update to share about her progress! She continues her journey to stay in recovery and not relive her past. While battling with a life-long drug addiction and experiencing incarceration, Charlotte knew that she could start to have the life she always wanted if just given the chance to show her strengths and not be judged by her past.

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## 26 ADDITIONAL WOMEN TO BE HIRED!

The goal to hire every woman seeking employment is slowly becoming a reality thanks to you. The funding you provided during Colorado Gives Day and Holiday 2016 continues to allow more women to achieve their dreams of a better life—for herself, her children, and her community. Every woman, willing to work hard and make the tough lifestyle decisions deserves the opportunity to become the woman she was meant to be.

Your dollars provide life skills and job readiness skills training, support the women while they work to meet their basic needs, and pay them a wage while they are working on these important needs. Whether she is working on her basic computer skills, studying to get her GED, professional job preparation and career development in a Dress for Success class, or working one-on-one with her mentor, your support allows her to earn a wage while gaining the necessary skills to function independently in the workplace and community.

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Over the last few months, Charlotte has been working closely with WBP program staff and one of our partners, Activate Workforce Solutions, on preparing for her job search. Activate staff thought that she could be a good fit at CoorsTek in Golden, CO and completed the many steps related to the screening and interview process for a Quality Control Inspector position. On Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, she started her new job which offered a competitive wage and benefits! She is paving the way for other jobseekers who are in need of second chance employment opportunities through great companies like CoorsTek. Charlotte is a big step closer to living a stable, healthy life and that's because of her belief that she is worthy of something better. It's also because she took advantage of the basic needs, life skills and job readiness support offered through Women's Bean Project.

## A Word from Our CEO New products coming soon!

At Women's Bean Project we believe that all women have the power to transform their lives through employment. So we hire women who are chronically unemployed and we teach them to work by making nourishing products. They learn to stand tall, find their purpose and break the cycle of poverty. Because when you change a woman's life, you change her family's life.

At Women's Bean Project, every woman in our program does **real work**, by producing WBP products and creating a new life. We produce only **real food**, products that are simple, unprocessed and delicious. After six to nine months, women graduate and move to **real promise**, a career entry-level job in the community where she can advance, prosper, and often, feel valued for the first time in her life.

Over the holiday season we produced a limited quantity of one of our new products – Popcorn! Each package contains popcorn kernels and seasoning for several batches. All popcorn is non GMO and come in three varieties and seasonings:

- Rainbow popcorn with Pink Himalayan Sea Salt and Black Pepper
- White popcorn with Garlic Parmesan
- Blue popcorn with Salted Spiced Caramel

The popcorn will be fully available this spring. We'll introduce two other products this spring as well: *Jammin' Biscuits*, a premium biscuit mix with three ready-to-make, culinary-inspired icebox jam mixes; and *Global Fusion Rice & Beans*, a variety of quick and easy rice and bean cups. We are excited to have you try these fun new inspirations.

In the spring we will also be introducing an updated look and packaging of our products to work better on store shelves. On our new packaging we will highlight the impact of the work we do and the lives changed. Watch for the reveal coming soon!

Warmly,

## We are Women's Bean Project



The mission of Women's Bean Project is to change women's lives by providing stepping stones to self-sufficiency through social enterprise.

## From the Kitchen



**Slow cooker shredded chicken** can be used to make tacos, burritos, or put in buns for a sandwich or on lettuce for a flavorful and filling salad!

- 3 lbs. skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 tablespoons Women's Bean Project Malaysian Spice Mix (3/4 package), or taco seasoning mix

• 1 red bell pepper, sliced • 1 large onion, sliced • 1 green bell pepper, sliced

1. Add chicken breasts to slow cooker, and layer peppers and onion on top.
2. Stir Malaysian Spice Mix or taco seasoning mix into broth until blended.
3. Pour sauce over chicken and veggies.
4. Cook on low for 6-8 hours. Shred chicken.

Serve along with tortillas or taco shells with your favorite additions like avocado, diced tomatoes, salsa and cheese. Makes 16 servings.

Recipe courtesy of Scott Anderson, Women's Bean Project

## Ready, Set, Grow 2017!

### Celebrating and Fundraising for the future

Save-the-Date: April 26, 2017

Join the celebration of current graduates as they begin their journey and raise funds for women seeking to transform their lives.

#### Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Seawell Grand Ballroom in the Denver Performing Arts Center

11:30- Noon (reception)

Noon -1pm (luncheon)

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Can't attend? **You can still help** by going to [www.womensbeanproject.com/donate](http://www.womensbeanproject.com/donate)

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our guiding

# principles

#### OPPORTUNITY.

We help women help themselves. We provide opportunities for our participants to discover their talents and develop skills to join the workforce and build a better life.

#### SERVICE.

We strive to "do well by doing good." We are a social enterprise that believes it is a basic human right to live a stable, healthy life. We serve our supporters, partners, participants and communities by delivering quality products with innovation and efficiency.

#### TRANSFORMATION.

Our efforts transform more than the individual woman. The seeds of hope in one woman weave threads of success that expand to families and communities with a reach that touches individuals worldwide. From program participants and vendors to customers, donors and volunteers, their transformations make a difference.

#### EMPOWERMENT.

Using the tools we provide, women are empowered to change their lives. Our supporters are empowered with the knowledge that they have contributed, not only to the self-worth and self-sufficiency of disadvantaged women, but also to the broad-reaching benefits our communities reap.

#### SUSTAINABILITY.

Instead of a one-time handout, women acquire the tools needed to sustain themselves and their families for a lifetime. We believe in nurturing economic sustainability for our program participants and partners, being ever-mindful of our impact on the environment.



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