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### **Jane Patten Awarded 14<sup>th</sup> Annual “Community Leadership Award” by Leadership Park City**

PARK CITY, Utah (October 10, 2016)—Leadership Park City is pleased to honor Jane Patten as the recipient of its 14<sup>th</sup> annual “Community Leadership Award.” This award recognizes an outstanding Park City citizen who, through sustained involvement, tireless commitment and insightful leadership, has made significant contributions to the greater Park City community.

Benjamin Franklin remarked that “The greatest vision without action is simply hallucination.” The Community Leadership Award honors an individual who acts and perseveres—who makes good things happen with the help of and for the benefit of others. Patten exemplifies the sustained leadership necessary to strengthen community institutions, the initiative to champion new and worthwhile programs, and the spirit to help define the public good.

Patten is a community treasure. In search of a new life, a greater connection with the outdoors and a way to live closer to her grandchildren, she left Connecticut for the Park City area in 2004. With a background in nonprofit work, she quickly found a job as office manager for Peace House in June of that year. By October, she had been named executive director of the organization.

Under Patten’s direction, Peace House has grown from a humble little shelter—still at an undisclosed location—to an organization that provides services not only to those seeking shelter from domestic violence, but also to those who are navigating the fog of domestic abuse but do not require shelter. Peace House has plans to further expand its services with the construction of a new campus-like facility that will include transitional housing—as well as emergency shelter—for a more complete continuum of care for victims of domestic violence. Look forward to groundbreaking on the new facility sometime next spring.

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Patten, who was a member of Leadership Class of XV, joins previous award recipients Candy Erickson, Bob Richer, Sally Elliott, Jan Wilking, Meeche White, Mary and Charlie Wintzer, Rob Sletten, Tina Lewis, Bill Brown, Jess Reid, Insa Riepen, Mayor Dana Williams, Christina Miller and last year's recipient, Jenni Smith, as leadership role models for our community.

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**About Leadership Park City**

Leadership Park City identifies, encourages and trains new community leaders through a yearlong, group-oriented learning program. It is patterned after other successful community leadership programs and the Kellogg National Leadership Program, sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Each class is required to envision, plan and execute a service project that will benefit the Summit County community. Past projects have included voter awareness, community walkability, food sustainability, and trails development. <http://www.parkcity.org/departments/leadership-park-city>