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**The Arc of Colorado
Names Accomplished Nonprofit Leader
as New Executive Director**

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Thursday, April 19, 2007 – Randy Patrick, President of the Board of Directors for The Arc of Colorado announced today that the board has voted to hire Marijo Rymer as the organization’s new Executive Director. Rymer will officially join The Arc of Colorado on May 14, 2007.

“The Board of Directors is excited to welcome Marijo Rymer as Executive Director of The Arc of Colorado,” said Patrick. “She brings great experience, knowledge, and accomplishment in the nonprofit and corporate sectors, as well as a strong commitment to advocating for people with developmental disabilities and their families. We are confident she will continue our work of promoting inclusive and self-determined lives for people with developmental disabilities throughout the state.”

Rymer joins The Arc of Colorado after serving as Director of Communications and Associate Director of Development for the Mental Health Center of Denver since 2004. Prior to her work at the Mental Health Center of Denver, Rymer served as Vice President of Corporate Communication for American Medical Response. Additionally, she brings legislative experience through serving as Directors of Government and Community Relations for school districts in Nevada, Washington, and New Mexico.

“I am thrilled to work with The Arc of Colorado,” said Rymer. “I look forward to joining this community of local Arc chapters, policymakers, self-advocates, and families in order to improve the lives for all people with developmental disabilities in Colorado.”

For more information or to schedule an interview with Marijo Rymer, please contact Nora Earnest at (303) 864-9334, ext. 11.

Founded in 1954, The Arc of Colorado is a nonprofit advocacy and support organization for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Serving as the state office, The Arc of Colorado is affiliated with The Arc of the United States and has 10 local chapters that provide advocacy and support throughout Colorado. Chapter locations include The Arc of Adams County, The Arc of Arapahoe and Douglas, The Arc of Aurora, The Arc of Denver, The Arc of Jefferson Country, The Arc of Mesa County, The Arc of the Pikes Peak Region, The Arc of Pueblo, The Arc of Weld County and The Association for Community Living in Boulder County. For more information about The Arc of Colorado, please visit www.thearcofco.org.

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