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Media Advisory

Arapahoe County re-opens Arapahoe Plaza April 11 *Several County services consolidated Under One Roof*

Arapahoe County will celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of Arapahoe Plaza in Littleton with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony April 11.

The open house will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arapahoe Plaza, 1690 W. Littleton Blvd. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and will feature members of the Board of County Commissioners, Sheriff, District Attorney, county employees and local community leaders.

The remodeling of Arapahoe Plaza began in August 2002, the same month the County's new Sheriff's Administration/Coroner's Facility opened in Centennial, and just three months after the County completed construction of CentrePoint Plaza in Aurora.

The opening of both buildings freed up space in Arapahoe Plaza – allowing the County to improve customer service by bringing employees from several locations *Under One Roof*. Arapahoe Plaza is the home to Human Services, Community Services, Information Services, County Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office and a Sheriff's Office substation.

By consolidating services, the County already has sold two properties to the City of Littleton and will free up two additional downtown properties – the former Sheriff's Administration and District Attorney's Office in downtown Littleton for prime redevelopment opportunities.

Construction on the nearly 100,000 square-foot building will finish one month early and slightly below its \$3.9 million budget. Saunders Construction Inc. was the contractor and Barker Rinker Seacat was the architect on the project.

In addition to consolidating services, the project allowed the County to bring the building up to fire, electrical and Americans with Disabilities Act codes; improve the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems; strengthen the building's entrance and improve technology and ergonomic standards.

During construction, Arapahoe Plaza was open for services, adding to the challenge of keeping the project under budget and on schedule. While a majority of the County's Human Services employees moved to the new CentrePoint Plaza building in Aurora, approximately 60 employees remained during construction to provide much needed child and family services for citizens living on the western portion of the County.