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Aley Desiderio Announced as an Outstanding Women in Business Finalist

DENVER, CO—Colorado Lending Source is pleased to announce that Development Officer, Aley Desiderio, was recently honored as a finalist for the Outstanding Women in Business award. This annual awards program is run by the Denver Business Journal and highlights women from the Denver metro area who exemplify excellence in their careers and community. Of the nominees, 36 were chosen based on their innovation, entrepreneurship, professional accomplishments, and community leadership. Aley is one of three women in the Finance category.

Aley's drive to be a leader in business inspires others in the entrepreneurial community. She advises, "Show up for the community. Show up for different communities. Even if you don't feel like you're wanted, show up anyways. You being you inspires other people to be them".

She plans to use this award and subsequent networking events as a way to connect and collaborate with other women leaders in our community to help further Colorado Lending Source's mission to foster the economic growth of diverse small businesses.

The Denver Business Journal will award nominees for each category during a virtual awards event on August 13th. Profiles of all finalists will also be published in their 22nd annual Outstanding Women in Business special section in print and online August 14th.

Aley joined Colorado Lending Source's team in 2017. As an entrepreneur herself, she is committed to the vision and mission of the organization and looks forward to connecting with the other women of excellence receiving this award.

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