

## United Way worker leaving post for A-Train

### Community will miss woman's leadership in anti-poverty initiatives

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The United Way of Larimer County has taken the lead in the past couple of years in responding to rising poverty levels in the county. And Nicole Gregg, a United Way employee who has coordinated the Pathways Past Poverty initiative, has been an effective and visible leader in those efforts.

Gregg announced last week she was stepping down from that post to take a job with A-Train Marketing in Fort Collins. While her new position offers a great opportunity for Gregg, the community will miss her leadership in major anti-poverty initiatives.

In her role as Pathways Past Poverty coordinator, Gregg harnessed hundreds of community volunteers who identified and prioritized anti-poverty approaches. Much of the initial work on identifying strategies has been completed, and Gregg deserves much of the credit.

The next phase will be equally demanding - creating and implementing programs that will brake and eventually reverse the rapid rise in poverty seen in recent years, particularly in Fort Collins. United Way has begun the process of looking for a successor to Gregg who will lead this critical next stage.

In joining A-Train Marketing, Gregg takes her considerable skills to a company with a track record of making a difference in Northern Colorado. She will be a welcome addition there.

Gregg has demonstrated she's an effective community leader, including service as a community representative on the Coloradoan editorial board.

She still has an important role to play in our community, including on the issue of poverty. We are heartened to hear she'll continue to be involved in anti-poverty issues.

Congratulations to Gregg in her new private-sector role, and good luck to the United Way in finding her successor in leading Pathways Past Poverty.