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## CULTURE OF GIVING

Yes, Little Yellow Balls Again

Our Culture of Giving movement is picking up speed again this year. We will be mounting a fall media campaign to increase awareness about volunteering and giving in Boulder County.

Please visit our web site to find out more about this initiative a [www.cultureofgiving.org](http://www.cultureofgiving.org). Help us cultivate a Culture of Giving in Boulder County!

### FINALLY – A COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

We are excited to announce a new addition to our [www.cultureofgiving.org](http://www.cultureofgiving.org) website: a non-profit event-scheduling calendar. This project was designed at the request of local groups trying to avoid conflicts as they schedule their major events. It is currently to the public, but may only be updated by nonprofit groups registered on the Culture of Giving site. Check it out: [www.cultureofgiving.org/calendar](http://www.cultureofgiving.org/calendar)

### SAVE THE DATE

## MONSOON 2002: NOVEMBER 15

Monsoon 2002, the dinner and auction fundraising event for the foundation's Open Door Fund, which serves the county's GLBT community, is scheduled for November 15. Please call the foundation for more information.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

How Do I Leave A Gift in My Will To Help The Community Foundation?

Leaving a gift to charity is a decision that is entirely yours to make. Many individuals set aside a certain dollar amount through their will; others leave a percentage of their estate or any assets left over after their family has been provided for.

To be certain that the charitable group of your choice receives the gift, you need to state your intention in your will. Here is a sample of bequest language:

I give, devise and bequeath to THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SERVING BOULDER COUNTY, a non-profit corporation, \_\_\_\_\_ (description of property) for general purposes or for the specific purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ (designate purpose).



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## WE'LL GIVE MORE

The Community Foundation Will Give More Money this Year

The foundation's Trustees voted to increase grant payouts this year from 5 percent to 7 percent of its endowed funds, which could mean the foundation will distribute an additional \$180,000 this winter.

"We have heard over and over again from local nonprofits that demand for their services are fairly serious this year — and many of them have seen dramatic decreases in funding," said Lindsey Eklund, Vice President of Programs and Administration at The Community Foundation.

Most foundations — including The Community Foundation — distribute 5 percent of their endowments each year to nonprofits. In economically stable years, interest returns on endowment investments have averaged greater than 5 percent,

allowing foundations to grow while still giving away funding. In the past two years, however, a weakened economy and a suffering stock market have meant that most foundations earned interest income of less than 5 percent.

Rather than cutting back on funding, however, The Community Foundation board, at the staff's recommendation, voted to increase giving to 7 percent of the endowment this year.

"We see ourselves as a savings account for the community," says Eklund. "And given the current economy, this certainly qualifies as a rainy day. We encourage all our donors to help us in meeting the needs of the non-profit community."

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SERVING BOULDER COUNTY:

Promoting philanthropy and creating opportunities to improve the quality of life in Boulder County for now and forever.

**WELCOME TO TWO NEW FOUNDATION STAFF MEMBERS**

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the new additions to our staff:

Morgan Rogers is the foundation's new programs associate. She will be helping us coordinate our many programs and events, including the Millennium Trust.

If you call the foundation offices, you will likely be greeted by the voice of Michael Tonnesen, our new receptionist and building manager. Michael, having worked construction on the Spruce Street Mansion, was a natural fit to help manage the building.



John Goodenbour

## STAN BLACK AWARD

Bev Sears Recipient

Named for one of The Community Foundation's founders, this award is for an individual who has contributed outstanding "time, treasure and talent" to our community.

Bev Sears, the 2002 award recipient, moved to Boulder in 1961 and started her community work almost immediately, volunteering at her sons' elementary school. Her next step was to get involved in government, first with the Colorado Second Congressional District Democratic Committee, and as the assistant former Rep. Tim Wirth. Soon she herself was drawn into civic life, running for the Boulder City Council in 1979—a pivotal time in the growth and development of this area.



Her nonprofit resume is distinguished, with service on the boards of People's Clinic, the Colorado Music Festival, the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, and the Boulder Soviet Sister City Project. Her current activities include Zonta International Club. She also serves on the University of Colorado President's Business and Community Council, is involved in the Fortnightly Club, raises money for the Boulder County Audubon Society and serves on the board of Special Transit. "It's not just an obligation to work on things you care about, it's what makes life rich."

## PAT ON THE BACK AWARD

John Goodenbour Recipient

The Pat on the Back Award is named to honor Pat Shoemaker, who volunteered at Boulder Community Hospital for 28 years, and to recognize other individuals who have given extraordinary—but often uncelebrated—volunteer time in caring for the community.

Terry Benjamin, executive director of EFAA, estimates that the 2002 award recipient, John Goodenbour, has saved the agency over \$120,000 in his tenure as "Computer Guru" for the group. John was looking for a way to get involved in the community. "It started as just a good project," said John,

of EFAA's original request to network their computers. "They come up with new problems and I come up with answers.

EFAA, or Emergency Family Assistance Association, is a safety net for families facing homelessness and other poverty-related crises. Now John is on call for all the computer troubles at EFAA, which can be frequent for a staff Terry describes as "computer challenged."

John wants it to be known: he is not a hero in his mind. "I'm just one of the volunteers," he said.

## COMMUNITY STARS

Who were this year's shining stars?

Brilliance and innovation. Those are the qualities The Community Foundation seeks to recognize and honor with its NOVA Awards. Here are the 2002 winners:

### ARTS

#### Many Mountains Moving

This literary and arts organization has created a way for local writers to address two common problems: isolation and lack of exposure. The program has provided a venue for local writers to share their works. The group also publishes a literary journal, which has led to national exposure for local writers.

### CIVIC

#### Center for People with Disabilities/Adaptive Garden

In a collaborative effort, CPWD has built a 3/4 acre garden in its backyard that is accessible to its disabled clients. To produce this garden, the CPWD pulled together almost \$100,000 in donated goods and services and 1,300 volunteer hours. The garden features raised beds, container gardens, a gazebo, a water feature, and a "drive-thru" shed.

### EDUCATION

#### Project YES

Project YES (Youth Envisioning Social change) helps young people develop their skills in leadership, critical thinking, conflict resolution, communication and problem solving, using art as a medium.

### ENVIRONMENT

#### Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance/Backcountry Volunteer Program

As the Forest Service cuts back on backcountry personnel, the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance is working to train volunteers for service on backcountry trails. The volunteers assist the Forest Service with answering questions, reminding visitors about fire bans and dog leash rules, and reporting back to the Forest Service on trail and campsite conditions, water quality sampling, and invasive weeds.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

#### People's Clinic/Prescription Drug Program

In offering sliding-scale fee health care to uninsured Boulder individuals and families, the People's Clinic became aware that many patients are unable to afford the prescription medications that are an essential part of their care. So People's Clinic created its Prescription Drug Program to be a liaison between patients and the major drug companies, and to facilitate the ongoing supply of important medications for its patients.

### \$25 MILLION BY 2005

Our goal is to build an endowment of \$25 million by 2005 — so that we may award \$1 million in grants every year. To find out how you can start a fund or be more involved, call us at 303-442-0436 or visit our website, [www.commfund.org](http://www.commfund.org)

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