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In honor of our 15th anniversary, we will be etching the names of our Legacy Society members in the stones of our front courtyard. We would be privileged if you would join our current Legacy Society members and make your own gift to The Community Foundation in your estate plans.

There are a variety of giving options, such as bequests (an outright gift of cash, stock or property written into your will or revocable trust), or gifts of IRAs or life insurance. You may choose whether to inform us of the details, or perhaps you would rather just let us know you've made the arrangements and keep the specifics between you and your professional advisor.

To discuss further, please call Dee Andrews at 303.442.0436 or contact your professional advisor with the sample language provided below. All gifts made by August 31, 2006 will be honored this year with an etched stone, if you so choose. Gifts made after that date will be etched on an annual basis. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you of improving life in Boulder County. For Good. For Ever.

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COMMUNITY STARS

Community Stars is Around the Corner

The Community Foundation's annual luncheon, Community Stars, will be Thursday, September 7th at the Boulder Theater at 11:30 am. Come eat cake and help us celebrate our coming of age—we're

15 this year! We'll honor our annual NOVA, Stan Black, and Pat on the Back Award Winners too! Tables and individual tickets can be purchased by calling Suzanne at 303.442.0436.



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SAVE THE DATE

September 7 Community Stars Annual Luncheon
October 20, 21 SVP International Annual Conference
Additional information about all events is available on www.commfund.org.

WHAT GIVES?

A look at giving through the ages.

Flatirons Elementary School Third Grade

Think third grade is too early to start planning a bequest? Well, it probably is, but that doesn't mean local third graders aren't thinking about giving and matters of community.

Here's what they have to say about philanthropy: Sometimes you have time but not money. Sometimes you have money but not time. But there's no reason not to give something.

A class of third graders at Flatirons Elementary School spread this message as they presented the results of a new Community Foundation program called "Junior Philanthropy." The program, part of the foundation's Culture of Giving

Movement, had this class of 8- and 9-year-olds collecting pennies. After compiling their copper savings—which weighed in at \$556—they voted on which charitable groups to support. They chose the Humane Society and Greenwood Wildlife Sanctuary.

Along the way, the kids talked a lot about the meaning of community, how each person is a part of a community, and why it's important to look beyond one's self.

"You have to help other people. It's not all about you," said Lizzy Marics. "It's a big world out there and there's a lot of harmful things going on. Others need help."

"I learned that pennies can go a long way. Everyone can help animals," chimed in classmate Samantha Mislinski.

YOUR PARTNER IN PHILANTHROPY

Let the Community Foundation be your resource for giving. Call us at 303-442-0436 to find out how you can fund multiple organizations with one easy step. Community Foundation Serving Boulder County Tax ID 84-1171836.



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A Donor-advised Fund

Social Venture Partners Boulder County (SVP) was established in 2000, as a donor-advised fund of The Community Foundation. Over the course of its six-year history, SVP has supported twelve youth- and Latino-serving nonprofits, providing \$620,000 in grants, and thousands of hours of strategic volunteer support. Donors (or "partners") to SVP contribute a minimum of \$5,000 annually, for a minimum of three years. Contributions may come from individuals, foundations, or companies. Partners collectively select innovative nonprofit grantees for their contributions of both intellectual and financial capital, and monitor the fruits of their investments over a multi-year period.

Involvement in SVP can translate to overhauling a nonprofit's website, facilitating strategic planning, serving as a coach to an entrepreneurial executive director, improving a group's budget and accounting system, or hosting a roundtable to talk about promoting giving within your family, in a safe space among community-minded peers. SVP truly combines the power of business with a passion for giving.

SVP Boulder County is a member of the network of twenty SVP affiliates across North America. We will be co-hosting the SVP International Annual Conference, October 20-21, 2006, at the Grand Hyatt in Denver. The two-day conference provides attendees the opportunity to share best practices to ensure they do the best possible work both strengthening nonprofits in their communities, and maximizing the strategic philanthropy of all partners. The conference will include keynote presentations (this year, featuring Ashoka's <http://www.ashoka.org/home/index.cfm> founder and director, Bill Drayton), breakout sessions, interactive innovation forums, a poverty simulation exercise, and nonprofit site visits and special events. Topics covered range from philanthropic values to best nonprofit practices, social entrepreneurship to advocacy and making policy change.

For more information about SVP or the 2006 conference, please contact Janelle Weissman, at 303.442.0436, ext. 114, or via email at janelle@svpbouldercounty.org, or visit our website at <http://www.svpbouldercounty.org>.

FIFTEEN. FOR EVER!

A Campaign for Youth

The Community Foundation is 15 years old, and we have great reason to celebrate our teenage years! With your generous contributions, we have given out over \$18,000,000 to support nonprofit organizations and establish a culture of giving in Boulder County. We couldn't have grown up and done it without you!

Just like every teenager, we are here asking you for more. Please consider a gift to The Community Trust to honor our 15th year—perhaps \$150, \$1,500, or even \$15,000.

The first \$15,000 raised will be used by a group of fifteen 15-year-olds to make grants to youth organizations in Boulder County. Our final goal is to raise \$300,000 to endow this effort so that youth in Boulder County will benefit for good, for ever.

We are hopeful that we can count on you to participate in this special campaign above and beyond your traditional annual giving. To make a gift, please call The Community Foundation, 303.442.0436 or mail your check to The Community Foundation, 1123 Spruce Street, Boulder, Colorado, 80302.

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scholarships, athletics and music programs. Now that their sons, ages 31 and 33, have grown and are independent, David said, "We are in a position to make decisions about places we would like to leave money to. After satisfying familial needs, where does the rest go? We find we're leaving money to places we really care about."

What kind of legacy would he like to leave?

"For me, it's not about personal recognition, but rather a sense of having left it better than you found it—whatever 'it' might be."

John, 83, and Jackie Geister, 79, Retired owners of Montgomery Framing

"We're John and Jackie—but we're not the Kennedys," is how Jackie introduces herself and her husband.

And although the Geisters' story is far less dramatic and tragic than the other John and Jackie's, it is compelling all the same.

Like so many people who live in Boulder County, the Geisters fell in love with this area and with each other while attending the University of Colorado. Although they moved to New York City for ten years after school to give John an opportunity to study and perform at Juilliard and on stage as a singer, they moved back here to raise their children. At that time, in 1957, Boulder was the "nice small town" they were looking for, with just 19,000 residents, John recalled.

They began their business as a store-within-a-store, offering framing and selling art supplies. After some time, they moved their operation to the Montgomery House on West Pearl Street, and called their new business the Montgomery House Picture Framing and Gallery after the family who had lived there.

"We depended on local people for our business," John said. "We had many, many

wonderful customers and we would try to do business with them whenever we could. We've always given something to the church, but, for a long time, we didn't have anything else to give. We were strapped. So, the only thing we could do was to shop locally.

"After we retired and figured out that we had something to give, we still felt that way. We would still rather give locally and buy locally and so forth. What we could give, we'd rather give here than to some out-of-town organization," John said.

For the Geisters, their giving philosophy is centered around this community and giving back to those who supported them.

The Geisters still care a great deal about the arts, and support the arts generally through The Community Foundation's Arts Trust. They said they felt "starved for performances" when they returned to Boulder in 1957, and have been faithful supporters of the various performances and festivals that have grown here since then. They also have a few local groups that they've come to know and support through people who were long-time customers, including Thorne Ecological Institute.

The Geisters still stay active in the community. They volunteer as Master Gardeners and answer people's gardening questions. Jackie takes classes at the University. She is also a knitter, and has knit hundreds of caps that have gone to needy people through the Presbyterian Church.

"I always look around to see if I might see someone wearing one of my hats, but I haven't so far," Jackie said.

"We don't care if we're listed as givers. We just feel strongly that our dollars do something for the community," John said.

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Next year, these third graders will be ambassadors to five more elementary schools where they will implement new Junior Philanthropy Programs.

The Culture of Giving Movement was established to strengthen Boulder County's growing ethic of philanthropy.

Rick Sterling, principal of the Boulder-based Sterling Rice group, is one of the founders of the Culture of Giving. Through his firm, he has helped brand and market the concept.

"Through the Culture of Giving," he explained, "we're trying to shift attitudes. We need to start with kids."

Helen Gemmill, 28 **Global Greengrants Fund**

Why would someone in her 20's be thinking about legacies?

"I think about legacy and philanthropy because the issues right now that are facing the world are so pressing. I don't feel like I have 60 more years to wait, when I am thinking about dying, to put these things into place," says Helen Gemmill.

Living and working in Boulder, Helen said, "I see other young people who are thinking about the needs of the world in a way that's really meaningful. They are thinking beyond their own lives and their own material success to the interdependence of all of us."

When Helen writes a check to an organization, she looks for what she calls "pivot points." What that means, she explained, is to find an organization that uses its resources to invest in a greater outcome, such as an organization that would use her donation to bring in more young donors and volunteers, whose energy could be harnessed. She also likes to support organizations trying to build their own capacity, so that they can do more and better work.

Giving, she said, is just part of who she is.

"I grew up with philanthropy. It was very much a part of my family. Both my parents worked in nonprofits. Also, my grandparents were involved. The dinner table conversation always revolved around board development or strategic planning. Before I even knew what they were talking about, it was part of the lexicon."

Julianna Johnson, 37 **On temporary leave in Kauai**

Julianna is 37 and has no children. And she is not, as far as she knows, an heiress to major fortunes. So the fact that she has a will that includes her favorite nonprofit organizations puts her in a small but thoughtful minority.

"My big thing is that I don't have endless resources, but it doesn't take a lot to make a difference. So if people see my name on the list—and I'm not a Rockefeller by any means—then maybe they will say, 'If Julianna can do this, then so can I.'"

The creation of her will—and her desire to leave a legacy—originated when she was watching TV and saw the unfolding drama about Terry Schiavo, the woman on life support whose husband and parents had different ideas about her care.

"I was watching that on TV and thinking about the horror of having my family have to make those kinds of decisions about me," she said. She consulted an attorney to put together a living will, and that advisor encouraged her to draft a will as well.

Choosing who to include in her will was not difficult for Julianna.

"I give back to the places that have given to me, the places that have helped mold me into the person that I am today... my schools, a summer camp I returned to and worked at, my hometown; these places have all touched my life and it's so great that



Third graders at Flatirons Elementary see their copper savings add up.



Helen Gemmill doesn't want to wait 60 years to see the effect of her giving.

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I can give something back. And I want to see those things there for my children and grandchildren," Julianna said.

Dan Catlin, 42 **"Boulder is our new adopted home. We love living here."**

Like many people who come to Boulder to attend the University of Colorado, Dan couldn't really imagine living anywhere else. Although he moved away for a time after graduation, he returned to Boulder in 1993. His wife, Robin, arrived about 10 years ago. Their two sons, now ages 3 and 4, were born here and the Catlins plan to raise them here.

"Boulder is our new adopted home. We love living here," Dan said. "We value our community enormously and care about the institutions in our community. I think it's important to contribute and to participate in causes that are greater than yourself."

Both Robin and Dan were encouraged by their families to be givers. As a teenager, Dan became interested in the disparity between the first and the third world. Through the Save The Children Program, he "adopted" a child in Cameroon and then another in El Salvador. Robin's family has a private foundation, which she and Dan have gotten involved in researching local organizations to support.

Not everyone with two small children is thinking about giving and legacies, but Dan prefers to get involved now. He is involved in The Community Foundation's Social Venture Partners program and also volunteers for the foundation's grant reading committees.

"To me, the journey is important for the person and the community at large. It really benefits all to be continuously involved, to take advantage of the catalyzing opportunities throughout your life."

"We get involved in our community because

it's important. It's also incredibly personally meaningful to give back and be engaged. It's a wonderful personal gateway into the world in which we live and many of the wonderful things that are happening and that are interesting," Dan said.

R. David Hoover, 60 **CEO and Chairman of Ball Corp.**

It has been a long road from the Indiana farm he was raised on to the CEO's office of Ball Corp. in Broomfield. But the giving spirit David learned about as a child has traveled with him all the way.

As a child, David remembers a factory laying people off and how, when they'd come into the store to buy essentials, his grandmother would, as they said, "put it down" for credit. David once asked his grandmother why she didn't make them pay. His grandmother's reply, about how in their small town you just knew—and cared—for each other, was his first lesson in community.

"If you've ever been without, or seen it ... I just cared about other people. People often don't have enough of whatever it is. I see them and I want to help. It's sort of second nature," David said.

After 36 years with Ball Corp., David has worked his way through the ranks and is compensated for his time and talent. But it wasn't always that way. An \$800 scholarship, he recalls, made the difference between where he could go to college.

"The closer you are to people with needs—and it's not always about money, sometimes it's support or understanding—the more you realize what a difference it can make. I've really appreciated the help people have given to me," David said.

David and his wife, Suzanne, are both involved with multiple community organizations. They both value education, serving on various boards and funding



Dan Catlin and his wife Robin were raised to support causes greater than themselves and pass this value along to their children, Brooks and Tucker.



Giving is "second nature" to Dave Hoover and his wife, Suzanne.