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Virtual Candidates Forum: Hear what candidates say about issues import to Boulder County's Non-profit Sector

The Community Foundation and the Human Services Alliance have produced a virtual Candidates' Forum to introduce city council candidates countywide to the non-profit and general communities. This accessible and inclusive approach to sharing election information is fitting for a county where 96% of residents have access to the internet and over \$12 million is distributed from local government into the local non-profit sector.

Candidates were asked to respond to the following:

- * Tell us about your personal involvement with Boulder County's non-profit community.
- * There is little diversity among elected officials and non-profit leadership. How can your city increase its inclusiveness, particularly in hearing from marginalized community members?
- * What are your ideas about addressing volatile sales tax revenues, a portion of which is used to support local non-profits?
- * Anything else you'd like to share with the non-profit community?

[Brief video interviews with candidates can be viewed](#) to learn more about their experience in working with the non-profit community and to hear their ideas about how to continue supporting the work of Boulder County's non-profit sector--a sector representing a significant local employee base and input into the economy with a \$300 million payroll expense.

Nonprofit organizations (like The Community Foundation and other 501c3s) are allowed to participate in advocacy and The Community Foundation believes this to be an important part of supporting our mission to improve the quality of life in Boulder County now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. We are not allowed to endorse candidates. This forum seeks to further familiarize our donors and non-profit partners, along with their boards, volunteers, and clients, with current and potential policymakers in our community.

Support from Kaiser Permanente and Roche Colorado Corporation have made this project possible.

Get TRENDS Here!

Learn about what our community is doing and what we need to care about next!

The Boulder County TRENDS Report is a summary of indicators that tell us something about the status of our community's quality of life. In order to know if we're heading in a desired direction, we need some guides to show us the way.

This report is a tool for helping us understand ourselves as a community. It can aid residents, policy makers, government agencies, the media, businesses, and community activists in identifying and exploring the relationships among a wide range of community trends and conditions.

[Learn more and get inspired today!](#)

[View TRENDS online](#)

[Request a print copy](#)

[Schedule a presentation for a group](#)



Sweet Success!

The Community Trust Initiative launches into year two.

In 2008, we set a goal to raise \$4 million for The Community Trust by 2012. With your participation, we hit our first million and are on our way towards the second!

Our success allowed The Community Foundation to nearly double funds granted in January 2009 and [to focus on how best to help reduce Boulder County's achievement gap through early childhood school readiness.](#)

Let's look after each other. Join the movement and make a gift to The Community Trust this year. Please send an e-mail to [Chris Barge](#) or call us at 303-442-0436 for more information.

Announcements

Events

Join The Community Foundation and The Human Services Strategic Plan Steering Committee for the unveiling of the new [Boulder County TRENDS website!](#) Featuring more than 100 community indicators, graphs, maps, and county by county comparisons, the [Boulder County TRENDS website](#) offers an interactive tool for nonprofits, policy makers, funders, and community members who want to track our progress as a community.

October 29th, 8:30-10 a.m.
(Program from 9-10 a.m.)
Sundquist Building - Baltic Room
(Boulder County Public Health
-3450 Broadway)
[RSVP to Morgan Rogers](#)

**Social Venture Partners Boulder County
Fall Partner Meeting
November 10th, 5:30 - 8:30pm**

Join SVP for the 2009 Fall Partner Meeting. This is your opportunity to participate in the heart and soul of SVP:

- connect with like-minded partners and guests;
- learn about the state of the non-profit sector in Colorado;
- watch first-hand as partners present and vote on grant focus areas; and
- hear updates on SVP's successes and impact in 2009.

Guests are welcome! This is a fantastic event for meeting the people already involved in SVP and learning more about how we impact the community. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

[Please RSVP attendance here](#). Upon RSVP-ing you will receive the address and directions to the venue. If you have questions, please email [Jennie Arbogash](mailto:Jennie.Arbogash).

Legacy Society

If you've been considering putting The Community Foundation in your estate plans, or are inclined to make a minimum \$25,000 gift to The Community Trust, you are eligible for membership in our Legacy Society. Members' names are etched in the stones in the courtyard outside our offices at the Spruce Street Mansion. It's easy, and it's a great way to make a lasting and meaningful commitment to this community we all love. **If you'd like more information, contact [Colleen Conant](#) or by calling 303-442-0436 x118.**

Save-the-Date

The annual **Open Door Dinner will be May 8, 2010**. Mark your calendars today!

Donor Central Tip

With the busy holiday season about to begin, you might be wondering about making grants from your donor advised fund at The Community Foundation. Using www.edonorcentral.com is a great way to submit grant requests quickly and easily. It will also speed up how quickly those requests are processed. If you haven't yet started using www.edonorcentral.com, [contact Margaret Katz](#) today for assistance!

Staff Changes at The Community Foundation

We are happy to announce that Elvira Ramos will be our new Programs Director. Elvira has extensive grant-making experience and will be returning to Colorado, after four years as the Brownsville Community Foundation CEO in Texas. More about Elvira when she joins our team in November!



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