



# The Community Foundation

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### **One year down, \$1 million raised!**

#### **Gift from Bill Sterner Memorial Fund lifts Community Trust Initiative past key milestone**

Bill Sterner's legacy of leadership lives on, thanks to a decision by his surviving family this month to infuse The Community Foundation's Community Trust with a gift of \$64,000.

The gift puts the Foundation's major fundraising effort over its first-year goal of \$1 million, one year to the month after launching the four-year, \$4 million campaign. It includes a bundled gift of \$14,000 that was collected from donations by 136 friends of Bill Sterner in the three months after his passing.

Bill died on March 31, 2008, one month before he was scheduled to become chair of The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees. He was deeply passionate about helping people and organizations thrive. His primary goal of his term as Chair was to build The Community Trust - The Foundation's unrestricted endowment supporting needs in the areas of health and human services, the environment, education, civic engagement, and the arts.

In his spirit, The Community Foundation launched its Community Trust Initiative in September, 2008. Since then, more than 1,000 Boulder County residents have contributed to the campaign.

"The family is very excited and grateful to all the donors to the Bill Sterner Memorial Fund," said Bill's widow, Pat Sterner. "Building The Community Trust was really a big goal of Bill's and an important legacy for him. Now it's also a legacy for his kids."

The family has additionally pledged \$50,000 to the initiative, whose mission is to double The Community Trust's support for Boulder County nonprofits, now and forever, while also raising enough money to significantly impact one specific area of community need.

The funding has already allowed the Community Foundation to:

- Nearly double our Community Trust grants to nonprofits in January - less than five months into the campaign.
- Keep our Community Trust endowment stable during the most volatile financial period since the Great Depression.
- Make great early strides in our chosen impact area of closing the achievement gap between our county's successful students and those who start school so far behind that they can never catch up.
- Grant \$90,000 to the Providers Advancing School Outcomes program (the Foundation's largest Community Trust grant ever) and see it leveraged for \$629,000 through a state grant turning every Community Trust dollar into \$8.

The Foundation has also begun early stage work on an awareness campaign whose goal is securing a sustainable source of public funding to support access to quality early care and education for at-risk children in Boulder County.

There's a lot of work ahead of us, and thanks to donors like you, we're on track to make a big, transformational impact in our community.

This month, we kick off the second year of this fundraising campaign. The goal is to raise another \$1 million by next September. Thanks to the Sterners, we're off to a great start.

Thank you, very much, to all of you who have contributed to this important effort so far. I hope you'll consider sending in another gift or pledge this fall.

Together, we are stronger. That's the idea behind The Community Trust.

Sincerely,  
Chris Barge  
Director of Philanthropic Services  
303-442-0436

P.S. ... Please don't hesitate to call me if you'd like to discuss any aspect of this exciting initiative.

### Ya'll Come!

The Board of Trustees and Staff of The Community Foundation hope you'll shine your boots and join us for plenty of good old western hospitality. There will be hearty fare and libations, as well as music and fun!

#### Annual Friends Party

Tuesday, October 13th, 6-8pm

Hosted by Philanthropiece, Libby Cook and Joanie Knudson, Co-directors  
at "The Barn at 6105 Monarch Rd"

#### We will honor outstanding community volunteers:

Mary Nutt, Pat on the Back Award sponsored by The Shoemaker Fund  
Sophie Walker, Stan Black Award sponsored by Hutchinson, Black, Cook, LLC  
Special recognition will be given posthumously to Lucien Wulsin

[Please RSVP by October 6th](#)

#### Thank you to our sponsors:

First Western Trust Bank and EKS&H  
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### 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 here in Boulder County later this fall!



### Congratulations to...

Josie Heath, President of The Community Foundation and recent honoree for Women Who Light the Community! The Boulder Chamber of Commerce recognized Josie, Diane Magliolo, JoAnn Joselyn, Sue Deans, and Bev Sears on September 18th for their unwavering community contributions. Congratulations to all and thank you for all you do!

### Announcements

#### Awards and Debuts

**The 2009 recipients of the Pat on the Back and Stan Black Awards**, honoring outstanding volunteers in Boulder County, are Mary Nutt and Sophie Walker respectively. Thank you to both of these extraordinary women! The awards will be presented at the October 13th Friends Party.

### Thank you Community Partners!

And we're thrilled to announce that the **2009 TRENDS Report is coming soon!** Stay tuned for the latest scoop on what makes our community tick

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### Donor Central Tip

Interested in learning more about a local nonprofit? Have a funding interest and want to know who's doing work there? In the menu on your Donor Central home page, there is a choice titled "Research a group." When you follow this link, you may do research in two ways. First, you may learn more about a particular group by typing in the organization's name. If the group is already in the foundation's database, you will have an opportunity to connect to their website, or to [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org), which compiles financial information about nonprofits. Second, if you would like to learn about groups working in an area of interest to you, you can also search the database by program type, grantee type or region. For questions or for help getting started with Donor Central, please contact Margaret Katz at 303-442-0436 or [Margaret@commfound.org](mailto:Margaret@commfound.org).

and the new ways you will be able to access the information. **If you'd like to schedule a presentation to hear TRENDS highlights, please contact [Gretchen Minekime by email](mailto:Gretchen.Minekime@communityfoundation.org) or at 303-442-0436 x107.**

### 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 by email](mailto:Colleen.Conant@communityfoundation.org) or by calling 303-442-0436 x118.**

### Save-the-Date

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

### Join The Community Foundation's Facebook group and follow our COG Blog!

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