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The Starting Point Matters

During the past year, we have noted in every publication and presentation we give that The Community Foundation has identified the need for early childhood education as one of Boulder County's most important challenges. It was not so long ago that Forbes listed Boulder as the most educated community in the country. But remember, most of us were educated elsewhere. What are we doing to grow our own future, when we rank 48 out of 50 states in funding for K-12 and higher education, and the disparity between low-income student achievement and middle-to-high income student achievement is growing? Sadly we know that part of why this is happening is that children aren't prepared properly to learn before they enter Kindergarten. All of Boulder County's children need a chance to start out well.

An awareness campaign to educate our community about Boulder County's achievement gap is kicking off on March 4th and 5th, with two events for our local community. Keynote Speaker Bill Millett will share anecdotes and insights from his 25+ years of leadership and economic development experience. Millett's long resume includes positions in the business, government and nonprofit sectors, from Executive Director of two South Carolina Regional Councils of Government to Senior Vice President in charge of Economic Development for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. His gift is animated storytelling, and his passion is extolling the benefits of early childhood education, as a means to address the achievement gap.

We need your help making sure the local community is well represented at the Longmont Lunch at LifeBridge Education Center on March 4th at 11:30am (tickets \$20/person) and the Boulder Breakfast at Spice of Life Event Center on March 5th at 7:30am (tickets \$15/person). Will you be a Table Captain for one or both sessions? Table Captains purchase a table of eight seats and invite seven others to join them. You may either sponsor a whole table or ask the people you invite to pay you for their seat.

Please contact me if you can help or if you want to know more about The Community Foundation's Early Childhood Education Initiative.

Regards,

Josie Heath, President
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Exceeding Goals: 2009 Results

In one of the toughest years to raise a dollar, The Community Foundation exceeded its 2009 fundraising goal of \$5 million, raising \$5.6 million and granting \$4.8 million to non-profit organizations in Boulder County and beyond. Total assets under management are approximately \$34 million.

The campaign to raise \$4 million in four years for the Foundation's unrestricted grant making fund, The Community Trust, is also making good progress having raised \$858,000 in 2009-approximately \$45,000 more than in 2008. The Community Trust Initiative's early success is allowing The Community Foundation to not only increase grant-making, but also start working on preventing one of Boulder County's thorniest problems: the educational achievement gap. Two key goals for The Community Foundation this year are to raise awareness about the achievement gap in our schools and to explore ways to sustainably fund preschool for at-risk kids.

Announcements & Events

The Community Trust--Inspired Giving

Recipients of 2009-2010 Community Trust Grants will be honored on **Wednesday, February 10th from 5-7pm** at the Spice of Life Events Center. All friends of The Community Foundation are invited to share in this inspirational evening. Please join us! [RSVP Here](#)

Ready. Set. Learn.

The Case for Investing in Early Childhood Education in Boulder County

Keynote Speaker, Bill Millett

Longmont Lunch, March 4th, 11:30-1pm, LifeBridge Christian Education Center, Tickets \$20
[RSVP for Longmont Lunch](#)

Boulder Breakfast, March 5th, 7:30-9am, Spice of Life Events Center, Tickets \$15

[RSVP for Boulder Breakfast](#)

Social Venture Partners Boulder County: Structure Lab

March 10, 8:30 - 3:00pm

Structure Lab is an easy-to-engage, day-long process that helps social ventures take advantage of innovations in capital formation, revenue streams, corporate forms, and independent regulation to promote and protect values and mission. [Learn more and register](#)

Helping Haiti

The Community Foundation emailed a letter to all of you about trustworthy ways to contribute towards relief in Haiti. You may recall that the summary referred to First and Second Responder opportunities. If you want a refresher, visit [Haiti Relief](#).

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!

2009-2010 Community Trust Grants

Arts & Culture: Art Walk Longmont, Inc., Boulder Chorale, Ballet Nouveau Colorado, Imagination Makers Theatre Company, Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra, Boulder International Fringe Festival, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, The Dairy Center for the Arts, Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts, Lemon Sponge Cake Contemporary Ballet, Parlando School for the Arts, 3rd Law Dance/Theater, Boulder Bach Festival, Colorado Film Society, ETown, Frequent Flyers Productions, Longmont Council for the Arts, Open Studios Inc., Peanut Butter Players

Basic Needs: Boulder County Advocates for Transitional Housing, Boulder Shelter for the Homeless, Carriage House Community Table, Community Food Share, Emergency Family Assistance Association, Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement, Inn Between of Longmont, Longmont Meals on Wheels, OUR Center, Sister Carmen Community Center, Inc.

Civic Engagement: RSVP of Boulder County, El Comite de Longmont, Boulder PRIDE, Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County, Volunteer Connection, FOCUS, Association for Community Living, Lyons Golden Gang, Intercambio de Comunidades Espanol-Ingles, Longmont Museum and Cultural Center, Boulder Asian Pacific Alliance, Allenspark Community Cultures Council, Boulder County Arts Alliance

Education: Catalyst Education of Colorado, September School, St. Vrain Community Montessori Wild Plum Center, Boulder Day Nursery, Children's House Preschool, St. Vrain Valley Education Foundation, Impact on Education, St. Vrain Valley MESA, Tiny Tim Center, New Horizons Cooperative Preschool

Environment: Cal-Wood Conservation Education Resource Center, Thorne Ecological Institute, Western Resource Advocates, Wild Bear Center for Nature Discovery, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center, Eco-Cycle, Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary

Health & Human Services: YMCA of Boulder Valley, Parenting Place, Blue Sky Bridge, Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence, There With Care, Audio Information Network, Alzheimer's Association, Boulder County AIDS Project, Growing Gardens of Boulder County, Boulder Valley Women's Health Center, Special Transit, HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties, Boulder Community Housing/Project Self-Sufficiency, Grillo Health Information Center, Imagine!, Mental Health Center Serving Boulder & Broomfield Counties, Parent Engagement Network, Colorado Anti-Violence Program, Healthy Learning Paths, Bonfils Blood Center Foundation, Longmont Ending Violence Initiative - L.E.V.I

Youth: Teaching Peace, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Colorado, Inc., YMCA of Boulder Valley, DART, Inc., Women's Wilderness Institute, Boulder Youth Body Alliance, WOW! Children's Museum, Alternatives for Youth, Inc., Turning the Wheel Productions, Trebol Soccer Club

TCF Helps Memorialize Two Community Icons

The Community Foundation is proud to have played a small role in memorializing two community icons in recent months: John Breaux and Gilbert F. White.

John Breaux, 57, was a beloved member of the Louisville community, fondly remembered for his random acts of kindness, including greeting everyone and riding around on his bicycle to help pick up trash. The last weekend in January, one year after he was struck by a car while riding

his bike, the City of Louisville dedicated a life-size bronze statue of Breaux in downtown Louisville. The statue, created by sculptor Dawn Record, captures Breaux straddling his bike, with a beaming smile and his habitual wave. The Community Foundation worked with Breaux's family and the city of Louisville to help make the statue a reality.

More than three years after the death of Gilbert F. White, the plan to build an 18-foot-tall memorial and flood-level marker along Boulder Creek is almost fully funded. In addition to being a celebrated geographer, Dr. White raised awareness both nationally and locally about the hazards people assume when living in and near flood zones. He is credited with helping to shape all of our community's flood safety practices and helping to reform the urban corridor of Boulder Creek. Friends and family have been working since his death to raise the cost of the marker, through a memorial fund at The Community Foundation.

John Breaux's brother, David Bright, hugs Dawn Record, sculptor, at the dedication of the John Breaux Memorial on January 30th.



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