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Giving Back to the Community Where You Live

By Chris Barge, Director of Philanthropic Services

Recently I asked one of our donors why she gives to The Community Trust. "It's my way of giving back to the community that I call home," she said. It's a sentiment echoed by many in Boulder County.

More than 1,200 of you have given generously to The Community Trust since we launched a 4-year, \$4 million fundraising initiative for it two years ago. I'm happy to say that the fundraising effort remains on track, despite plenty of rockiness on the local giving front. Thank you!

The success has allowed us to nearly double local grantmaking from the fund to Boulder County nonprofits. Many of you have participated on one of the volunteer committees that decides each year how to spend the endowment's earnings.

This year's grants advanced the work of 97 local nonprofits, including:

Special preschool programs for 32 children from low-income families at Longmont's Wild Plum Center

Scholarships for low-income elementary students to attend the Cal-Wood environmental education center near Jamestown

Safety net programs for low-income elderly people through Care Connect (Formerly RSVP of Boulder County);

Basic needs assistance for homeless clients of the OUR Center in Longmont

Scholarships for children to attend exhibits at Lafayette's WOW Children's Museum

Funding for Boulder's new eTown Hall

This increase in local grantmaking has and will continue to do a world of good for these and other nonprofits. But this fundraising initiative is doing more than that. That's because **The Community Foundation is leveraging a portion of your dollars to effect transformational, sustainable, countywide change. We're doing that by making strategic investments in projects that will address an issue that has risen to the top of our list in terms of current community needs.**

This issue is the educational achievement gap between our county's low-income students and their peers.

In year one of the initiative (summer 2009), we made the largest grant ever from The Community Trust, of \$90,000, to a local nonprofit program called Providers Advancing School Outcomes (PASO). This group teaches uncertified, mostly Latino childcare providers how to enhance language and literacy development for the economically disadvantaged children under their care. In other words, they target the gap kids and make them ready to learn by the time they enter school. We also provided some technical grantwriting assistance and helped PASO leverage our grant to secure a \$630,000 grant from the Statewide Strategic Use Fund. This meant that the program went from the brink of closure to doubling in size. It was a satisfying, early win for our initiative.

In year two of the initiative, we launched a multi-faceted public awareness campaign on the importance of early learning. The spring awareness campaign was called **ReadySetLearn**: The Starting Point Matters. It was launched in March when we flew in a nationally recognized speaker to give the business case for investing in early learning. Between a luncheon in Longmont and a breakfast in Boulder, 500 business and community leaders saw Bill Millett speak. You can see a video of his talk at www.readysetlearn-early.org.

The website provides a good summary and explanation of the broader spring awareness campaign, whose goal was to plant into the general consciousness the idea that we need to beef up early learning, especially for at-risk kids.

The most exciting outcome of the awareness campaign, however, is in motion right now. We have partnered with the Boulder Valley School District, which also wants to close the state's widest achievement gap by focusing on prevention in the kindergarten and preschool areas. We told them that if they devoted a significant amount of new funding to this area, we would become major financial and volunteer supporters of a mill levy override campaign on this fall's ballot.

Details of this partnership are being finalized at this writing. Stay tuned for an update. **We hope to have exciting news to report at the Friend's Party Aug. 31!**

Thank you for your philanthropic partnership with The Community Foundation. Together, we're making our dollars do more good than ever. Please be in touch with us if we can help in any way.

With warm regards,
[Chris Barge, Director of Philanthropic Services](#)

Thank you Highlighted Community Partner:



CFO Corner

By Debbie Gaffney

The Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation serving Boulder County is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide investment management services. [Click here for a copy of the Request for Proposals.](#)

Proposals will be accepted until close of business on September 1, 2010 and should be submitted electronically in a single PDF file to:

The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County
Attn: Debbie Gaffney, CFO, Debbie@commfound.org

In Case of Emergency

By Margaret Katz, Donor Advocate

From time to time, we are approached by local nonprofits who are facing some sort of crisis. When we can, we guide them into our general grants process for potential funding. Other times, the crisis won't wait, and they need funding or assistance sooner. In such cases, we sometimes try to help them by spreading the word to people we know who have supported them in the past or who have told us that they would like to be notified in case of emergencies.

We also want to be sensitive that some of our donors prefer not to be contacted too frequently. We'd love to hear from any of you if you'd like to be informed with emergency requests. Would you please let me know?

Email here: Margaret Katz

Announcements & Events

Friends Party

Tuesday, August 31, 2010
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
The Barn on Monarch Road
Music by Halden Wofford & the Hi-Beams
Dance lessons by Dennis Giullian of The Grizzly Rose
Cowboy Poet, Doc Mehl

Presentation of the Pat on the Back and Stan Black Awards

[RSVP Here](#)

Continuing Education Seminar for Professional Advisors

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

7:30 am -12:30 pm

The Spice of Life Event Center, Boulder

[Click for more information and agenda of speakers](#)

Photo Gallery

Party at Tesla Motors, Hosted by Helen Gemmill, Chair, The Community Foundation July 21, 2010



Lee Shanis, Executive Director of Intercambio de Comunidades, plays the role of Bob Barker during The Community Foundation's Price is Right Game at Tesla Motors.



Morgan Rogers, The Community Foundation;
Helen Gemmill, The Community Foundation Chair and
Tesla Party Host; Lee Shanis, a.k.a, Bob Barker;
and Dee Perry, Contestant, play The Price is Right.

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