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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, non-profit and 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](#)



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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](#)

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Save-the-Date

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

SVP 2010 Grants News

Social Venture Partners Boulder County (SVP) expects to award two new grants to Boulder County non-profits in 2010. Prospective investees will be required to attend a one-hour Prospective Investee Workshop in December and Letters of Inquiry will be due in January. SVP Partners will vote on granting Focus Areas in November. [Please check our website](#) at **November 12, 2009, for detailed information about which non-profits qualify to apply.** For additional information, you may contact [Jennie Arbogash](#) at or 303.442.0436.

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!



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!

This 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.

Thank you Community Partners!

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