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**Benita Duran, CH2M Hill Regional Director, Government Affairs—
elected to serve as Chair of The Community Foundation**

Other elected 2007-2008 Officers are:

Bill Sterner, Vice Chair

William Rubin, Treasurer

Robert Morehouse, Secretary

President & CEO of Elevations Federal Credit Union

CPA, Weatherwax and Associates

Creative Director, Vermilion Design

BOULDER COUNTY (May 29, 2007) —Benita Duran has been elected to serve as Chair of The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees for the 2007-2008 term.

The Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. The Foundation connects the resources of local donors with non-profit organizations to facilitate philanthropy in meaningful and useful ways. In 2006, The Community Foundation granted \$5.2 million to non-profit organizations in Boulder County and beyond.

Benita Duran is a Vice President and the Director of Government Affairs for the Southwest Region at CH2M HILL. Her employer is an engineering and infrastructure design and project management firm, headquartered in Douglas County, CO. Ms. Duran works with over 15 CH2M HILL local offices throughout the region. Prior to joining CH2M HILL, her direct local government experiences spanned over 20 years holding various positions with the City of Boulder and City and County of Denver. She was an Assistant City Manager of Boulder, and she was employed in the Denver Mayor's Office in the employment and training division, under the Pena Administration. Ms. Duran has worked on local government ballot initiatives in the public safety, transportation infrastructure, environmental and sustainability arenas.

Her volunteer passions have extended to serving a great variety of non-profit boards and community efforts in Colorado and internationally. From heading a Colorado Hispanic advocacy organization (The Hispanic League) in the early 1990's, to chairing the Colorado Dance Festival in the mid – 1990's, to assisting in a major transition of leadership of the International City and County Management Association (ICMA), as an elected Vice President of the Mountain Plains Region (1997-2001), Ms. Duran's board service is diverse and extensive.

Presently, she is a Trustee and Chair of The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County; past Chair of the James S. and John L. Knight Foundation Community Advisory Committee of Boulder County; and Board member of the

Downtown Denver, Inc. She is a past Board member of the Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA) and a past Board Member of Boulder Day Nursery, The Watershed School, Family Learning Center, and Attention Homes. She is an active participant in efforts to build capacity of Latino organizations and leadership - locally and nationally; and a regular classroom volunteer at her son's elementary school. In 2002 Ms. Duran was a recipient of the Daily Camera's Pacesetter Award as a member of the Latino Task Force of Boulder. In Spring 2006, she was appointed by Denver Mayor Hickenlooper to co-chair Denver's Greenprint Council, an advisory group focused on Denver's action plan to address the city's climate change agenda.

Ms. Duran holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Public Affairs, University of Denver; and a Master Degree in Public Administration, University of Colorado.

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