



The Community Foundation  
BOULDER COUNTY

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## **The Community Foundation Announces New Trustees and Chairperson**

**Boulder County (September 21, 2011)**—The Community Foundation announced today that six Boulder County leaders have joined its Board of Trustees. The new additions include a former university president, an organizational strategist, a local bank president, a community development consultant and two wealth managers. Sandy Bracken, John Creighton, Bill Farrell, Kathy Leonard, Jann Oldhamand and Amanda Prentiss will share their diverse expertise and capabilities to benefit Boulder County. Bryan Biesterfeld is serving as the Board's Chairperson for the 2011-2012 year.

### **About the new Trustees:**



**Dr. Alexander E. "Sandy" Bracken**—Dr. Alexander E. (Sandy) Bracken most recently served as the Executive Director of the Bard Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Colorado at Denver, School of Business, from 2001-2007. Prior to this position, he served as the 19<sup>th</sup> President of the University of Colorado in 2000. Previously, Bracken was Vice President of Public Affairs for 19 years with Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Before joining Ball Aerospace, he was Assistant Professor of History at Anderson College, Anderson, IN. Bracken has a Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in American History from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. His undergraduate degree is in Government and International Relations from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Bracken has served on several state commissions including the Colorado Commission on Higher Education which he chaired from 1996-2000, the Colorado Achievement Commission, the Colorado Math, Science and Technology Commission, the Colorado Space Business Roundtable, and the Space Awareness Alliance. Bracken served on the Boulder Community Hospital Board of Directors from 2001-2010, and as its Chair from 2006-2009. He currently serves on the Imagine! Foundation Board as its chair, the CU-Boulder Presidents Leadership Class Board, and the Deming Center for Entrepreneurship Board.



**John Creighton** – John Creighton is an independent consultant who specializes in public opinion research and organizational strategy. He works with a wide range of public-oriented organizations including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Kettering and C.S. Mott Foundations, and the U.S. Bureau of Primary Health Care. Creighton is author or more than forty reports and articles and is a frequent keynote speaker for groups ranging from the Western Governors Association, Nature Conservancy, and the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

Creighton grew up in a small town on the Great Plains where he learned community is not a concept but a rewarding, and practical, way of life. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife Joni are raising three children in Longmont, Colorado where Creighton chairs the St. Vrain Valley School Board.



**William J. "Bill" Farrell** — Bill Farrell is Wells Fargo's Market President for Boulder and Broomfield Counties. He began his financial services career more than 35 years ago. He moved to Colorado in 1981 to work for a large, regional bank. In 1992, Farrell was promoted to market manager for Northern Colorado and was based in Boulder. He joined Wells Fargo's Business Banking team in metro Denver in 1997.

Farrell served as president of the Colorado Contractors Association and Professionals for Colorado Contractors Council. He was named Contractor Associate of the Year in 1989. Farrell volunteers with the Prospect Recreation and Park District where he serves as treasurer, and is on the board of governors for KUSA-TV's "9 Who Care" awards program. He also led efforts to reconstruct the Lakewood High School baseball field, a project made possible completely through private donations and in-kind services.



**Kathy Leonard** – Kathy Leonard is Vice President of Investments for The Leonard Social Investments Group at UBS in Boulder. She has been a Financial Advisor specializing in Socially Responsible Investing since 1983. Prior to working at UBS, she founded and managed The Center for Responsible Investing. Before that she worked at EF Hutton and Shearson. Leonard helps individuals, businesses and non-profits integrate their social and financial goals.

Leonard was a founding member of the Environmental Council at the Boulder Chamber of Commerce. She was a founding member of the Colorado chapter of Business for Social Responsibility. She serves on the finance and investment committees of a number of local and national nonprofit organizations, including The Community Foundation.



**Jann Oldham** – Jann Oldham has been actively involved in the Boulder community for nearly 30 years. She is the former Housing/Community Development Program Manager for the City of Boulder where she was responsible for sustaining the city's human service's infrastructure and developing over 500 units of permanently affordable housing. Her experience includes administration and management of multifaceted projects that address a wide range of issues: community development, non-profit capacity building, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

She has served on a number of boards and task forces including the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative, Community Action Program, and Colorado State Housing Board. She currently serves on the Mile High Community Loan Fund's Board of Directors, the State of Colorado's Colorado Growth and Revitalization Fund and Emergency Family Assistance Association's Board of Directors. In 2009, she established her consulting firm, community by design (cbd). cbd provides capacity building, strategic planning and housing and community development

finance services to underserved communities. Oldham has also been singing professionally for a number of years. She currently sings with the Hellen Highwater band.



**Amanda Prentiss** – Amanda Prentiss is a Partner at Chautauqua Capital Management LLC., a Boulder-based equity management firm specializing in international strategies for institutional clients. Before joining CCM in September, 2009, Prentiss worked as a strategist/economist for Trust Company of the West. Prior to working for TCW, she spent several years as a Vice President and Director of Fixed Income at TD Securities in London. Before moving to TD Securities, Prentiss was an Associate and later an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs in London and Frankfurt.

Prentiss holds a B.S. and an M.A. in Economics from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is a Boulder native and has two young children. She also serves on The Community Foundation's Investment Committee.

#### **About the new Board Chair:**



**Bryan D. Biesterfeld, Esq.** — Bryan D. Biesterfeld, Esq., joined The Community Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2007, and became Board Chair this year. He practices law with the Denver-based law firm Robinson Waters & O'Dorisio, where he focuses his practice on advising privately-held businesses and their owners with respect to mergers and acquisitions, entity formation and operations, real estate transactions and leasing, private placements of securities and wills, trusts and business succession planning.

Biesterfeld graduated summa cum laude from the University of Denver, where he majored in Business Finance and minored in German. After a few years in Conoco's Management Development Program, Biesterfeld attended law school at UCLA, receiving his J.D. in 1993. Biesterfeld has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by his peers and is a past member of the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association. He also is active in coaching soccer with two Boulder soccer clubs.

#### **About The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County:**

The Community Foundation is the place for inspired giving, connecting donors who care to causes that matter. Last year we granted nearly \$6 million to nonprofits in Boulder County and beyond while providing community leadership on several key initiatives. The Foundation has granted \$43 million since its founding in 1991.

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