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**Colleen Conant, former Daily Camera editor and publisher, joins
Community Foundation Staff.**

Colleen Conant, former editor and publisher of the Daily Camera in Boulder, has joined the staff of The Community Foundation as Donor Advocate.

Foundation President, Josie Heath, announced Conant's appointment at a gathering of friends and donors on Oct. 9th, Conant's first day. She will work with the staff on donor recruitment and stewardship, as well as marketing and communications and community outreach.

"We are delighted to have Colleen as a staff member for The Community Foundation," said Heath. "Colleen is no stranger to the foundation. She has been a wonderful part of our team for many years. This is a perfect fit. In her six years as a Trustee for the foundation and in her subsequent years as an active volunteer, Colleen has been a respected advocate for this community."

"I have long been an enthusiastic supporter of The Community Foundation and am thrilled to be joining the staff," said Conant of her new position. "This organization is committed to the long-term well-being of the community I love. I'm privileged to work toward that goal."

Conant moved to Boulder in 1997 to take over as editor of the Daily Camera. In 1998 she was also named publisher of the local daily. During her time at the newspaper she received numerous awards for community service, and the Camera increased its philanthropic role in Boulder County by supporting hundreds of local non-profits. She was named Business Person of the year in 2000 by the Boulder Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 1999 the Camera partnered with The Community Foundation to establish The Millennium Trust, a permanent endowment created to fund the needs of this community in the future. More than 2,000 donors contributed the equivalent of their last hour of income in 1999 to endow the Trust. Since its inception, more than \$360,000 has been given away to a variety of local non-profits through a selection process made up of Millennium Trust donors.

Conant retired from the Camera in 2003 after a 33-year newspaper career. Over the past three years she has volunteered her time to work on a number of non-profit boards, including Special Transit and the University of Colorado College of Music Artist Series. She also serves on the advisory boards for both the CU College of Music and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Community Foundation is currently celebrating its 15th anniversary. Its assets total \$32 million and it has awarded nearly \$19 million in grants, over \$4 million in 2006 to date. For more information about getting involved with The Community Foundation, please call 303-442-0436 or see www.commfound.org.

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