

The Community Foundation, established in 1991, is a foundation created *by* the community to serve the community. We provide leadership in encouraging philanthropy and building a stronger, more engaged Boulder County. We make grants to community organizations and manage a variety of funds established by families, individuals and corporations. We're here to help donors do good work... For good. For ever.

**Our Mission:** The Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving.

**Leadership Development:** The Community Foundation with funding from the Knight Foundation has sponsored a community wide leadership development research project and hired Carla Mestas, MA as the Research Consultant.

### **Objectives of the Research:**

- ⊕ Scan the local community and identify best practices for current leadership development programs and opportunities across sectors.
- ⊕ Conduct interviews with current community leadership, identified emerging leaders, and program participants within local leadership programs, to gauge perceived gaps and/or barriers in leadership training.
- ⊕ Identify organization structure, funding, and business models for building a sustainable leadership development discipline and community in Boulder County.
- ⊕ Convene community stakeholders in mid-2008 to share findings, communicate next steps, and launch a wider effort to support the funding of strategic recommendations.

### **So...what does this mean for me?**

Your support, ideas, and leadership will be called upon as the activities surrounding this environmental scan of Boulder County take place. As an asset to the community, you already part of this work and can provide a great resource as a community member and leader.

### **How does my community benefit?**

Each community in Boulder County contributes to the whole. Participating in these activities ensures your voice will be heard by and with other community leaders. Inclusiveness is an integral component of the project.

### **How can I participate?**

- ⊕ Share expertise, knowledge and skills of culturally relevant practices in leadership development
- ⊕ Identify transformational emerging, multicultural leaders from within our community
- ⊕ Participate in community-wide personal interviews
- ⊕ Participate in a community-wide survey
- ⊕ Share model leadership programs in private and public sectors

### **How do I get started?**

Share your contact information with the Community Foundation in preparation for future participation in surveys and/or community interviews.

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Thank you in advance for your guidance and support!