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Boulder County has more than twice the concentration of top female executives than the nation as a whole. However, women here earn less by level of educational attainment than their peers across the country.

There is a 14-year disparity in median age between Anglos (non-Hispanic whites) and Latinos in Boulder County. Such gaps in age can sometimes expand gaps in understanding between different racial/ethnic groups, fomenting discord and inequality.

Boulder County residents produce more waste than the average American, consume more water, and emit roughly the same amount of greenhouse gases on a per capita basis.

About 90% of brain development occurs before the age of five, but more than 900 Boulder County three- and-four year-olds in poverty go without licensed preschool care because there simply aren’t enough supplemented spots, or because the limited part-time coverage offered is not a viable option for parents who work.

14% of children living in the city of Boulder live in poverty.

If our philanthropy rates returned to 2002 levels of 2.2% of aggregate gross income, Boulder County would collectively give about $28 million more annually.

Boulder County ranks 8th highest in the U.S. for concentration of artists, behind cities like Santa Fe, New York, and Los Angeles!
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The Community Foundation is blazing a trail into a better future. We are data-driven, we are an effective grant maker, and we are transformational leaders—bringing innovative thinking and making measurable progress on some of our county’s most intractable problems.

It’s at The Community Foundation that knowledge and data about local needs combine with the ideas of passionate community members—all leading to informed and inspired investments in Boulder County and beyond.

Turn the page and see highlights from this year’s adventures! And to the left, see a sampling of facts from our 2013 Boulder County TRENDS Report.
NOURISHED OUR COMMUNITY: The Community Foundation has granted more than $55 million in Boulder County and beyond since 1991. We support programs that make Boulder County a better place to be, address critical needs, and create opportunities. Boulder County residents actively participate in grant-making decisions for the foundation, through four different grant cycles, as well as through Donor-Advised Funds.

SURVEYED A CHANGING LANDSCAPE: The Boulder County Civic Forum tracks indicators that relate to the quality of life in our community and publishes the biennial TRENDS report. Our most recent report, just released in Fall 2015, shares some unexpected discoveries and captures the essence of our emerging needs and composition. TRENDS data informs our grant making—as well as educating many other local decision makers.

GOT AN EARLY START: One of our most challenging destinations is to make sure all children in our county get a good start on education. Our goal is that 90% of county kids will read at grade-level by the time they are 8 years old. The School Readiness Initiative helps Boulder County parents and leaders close the achievement gap through early learning. The Foundation is doing pioneering work in this area, leveraging national dollars and bringing together great minds and problem solvers.

REACHED FOR NEW HEIGHTS: Many Boulder County residents do give generously, but compared to our national peers, we could still do more. The Culture of Giving movement encourages everyone in Boulder County to make philanthropy a regular habit.

SUPPORTED BUSINESS PIONEERS: The Entrepreneurs Foundation of Colorado (EFCO) helps entrepreneurs give back as soon as their ideas get on the map. EFCO works with new local businesses to pledge a portion of founding equity or a portion of annual profits to the community and helps to establish a culture of giving early. To date, member companies have donated approximately $1 million back into Boulder County through EFCO.

CELEBRATED WORKING TOGETHER: Our Leadership Development programs build networks for emerging leaders across sectors, building a pipeline for transformational and inclusive leadership in Boulder County.