The Community Foundation Newsletter: Special Flood Philanthropy Edition

Boulder County Flood Philanthropy: Six-Month Update

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In Their Own Words

Stories from Jamestown:

Stephen's Story: Tragedy & Awakening

Flood Relief by the Numbers

The Community Foundation has granted more than $1.5 million to flood recovery, since September 2013, and more will be granted before summer. Upwards of 40 community members stewarded the grant decisions.

Read here for details about the foundation's various flood relief funds and other flood-specific philanthropic activity at The Community Foundation.

Flood Recovery Overview

Josie Heath, President

It has been half a year since the flood, but to many Boulder County residents, it must seem like the flood was yesterday. Dislocated families, uncertainty about spring run-off, neighbors who did not return, questions about new stream locations, and missing treasures—all these are constant reminders of the flood of September 2013.

I feel proud about how folks in our community have rallied to help out. We at The Community Foundation partnered with Foothills United Way to build the Foothills Flood Relief Fund. We also raised over $1 million from many of you and made grants to individual flood survivors. It has been our privilege to work with the Lyons Community Foundation, as well as the Greater Jamestown community, the residents of unincorporated portions of Boulder County, and to farmers and natural
Kayli Parker used to live in Lyons. In February, she sent $600 from her "Love for Lyons" fundraiser. Read more in Kayli’s own words.

"Reflections" by Emily Dusel, Lyons Resident & Executive Director, Lyons Community Foundation

Imagine waking to emergency sirens blaring "flood is imminent, seek higher ground immediately." Imagine gathering your loved ones and running out of your home, in your pajamas, with no shoes on. Imagine sleeping in the local elementary school gym. Imagine never being able to live in your home again.

Just after receiving their grant money, one grateful family wrote, "Thank you so very much for the $5,000 grant. We lost much yet found a world of kind people willing to help us at a time when we felt so alone. Our house is still full of frozen mud and will be until spring. No work can be done until it thaws. Our disabled daughter will... Read entire article

Making direct grants to flood survivors has been gratifying, and so has the process for deciding those grants. Read full article

Ways to Help

Donate through The Community Foundation

Join The Community Foundation for a flood clean-up day in June. Email Gretchen.

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Stories from Flipside Farm:

Flipside Farm, March 9, 2014

The DeHerrera family has farmed in Longmont for six generations. They spent last week cleaning up debris, repairing their trellis and ditch, and working on moving one of their greenhouses. Some of it is just business as usual for this time of year, but this year it's compounded by September's flood. Flipside doesn't yet know how much the flood damaged their 100+ apple trees so they're using their grant money from the Front Range Farm Relief Fund to buy apricot, plum, and other fruit trees to help them through this year.

[Seedstock.com recently did a piece about Flipside's perseverance.](https://www.seedstock.com)