



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOULDER COUNTY

INSPIRING IDEAS. IGNITING ACTION.™

## IN THIS ISSUE

**Donor-Advised Funds: Working Hard For Our Community**

**Important Reminders: QCDs And CLATs**

**Opportunities & Announcements**

**Community Foundation Financial Advisor Program**

**Meet Your Community Foundation Team**

## Donor-Advised Funds: Working Hard For Our Community

Donor-advised funds are a popular charitable giving tool. And right now is a perfect time to evaluate this planning strategy for your clients.

In recent years, donor-advised funds have been one of the fastest-growing philanthropic planning tools in the marketplace. **Donor-advised funds are popular because they allow an individual or family to make a tax-deductible transfer that qualifies as a charitable contribution, and then recommend grants to favorite charities from the fund when the time is right.** A donor-advised fund operates a lot like a checking account for charity, and it's established according to IRS guidelines that provide tax advantages for the donor as well as administrative efficiencies.



**In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, giving from donor-advised funds at community foundations is accelerating.** This is creating a significant boost for nonprofits and people in need. **At your Community Foundation Boulder County, more than \$285K was transferred from donor-advised funds at the foundation to the foundation's Covid-19 Response Fund Boulder County.** During March - April, 2020 316 grants from donor-advised funds were made compared to 159 during the same time period in

**2019. This 199% increase is likely due to fundholders giving in response to Covid-19.** Indeed, the global healthcare crisis is precisely the reason that many donors established donor-advised funds in the first place: To be ready to give when needs are the highest.

According to a recent [survey](#) conducted by the Community Foundation Public Awareness Initiative, grants from donor-advised funds among the 64 community foundations surveyed increased nearly 60% in March and April 2020 compared with March and April 2019.

To be sure, donor-advised funds can be an important "lifeline" for community organizations during periods of hardship, as noted by [Bruce Hopkins](#), a University of Kansas School of Law professor.

**Consider working with your clients to activate their existing donor-advised funds or establish new donor-advised funds to help respond to the needs created by Covid-19.** A donor-advised fund helps the community right now and also allows your clients and their families to build a nest egg to address our community's needs during future crises.

**To learn more about donor-advised funds at Community Foundation Boulder County, [give us a call today](#) or [visit our website](#).**

## Important Reminders: QCDs And CLATs

Our recent communications have highlighted the unique importance of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) and Charitable Lead Annuity Trusts (CLATs) in today's market conditions. Given the critical needs facing our community right now, the team at your Community Foundation wants to reiterate the value of these two planning tools. [We're inviting you to contact us if you have any questions about how these charitable giving techniques can help you and your clients immediately support people in need.](#)

In the case of Charitable Lead Annuity Trusts, some experts are heralding a "[golden age of CLATs](#)" because of the convergence of historically low interest rates and depressed asset values. The timing may never be better for your clients to use a CLAT to create an income stream to charities, thereby satisfying their current goals for amping up philanthropy in this period of extreme need, and simultaneously establish a future gift to heirs with the trust's remainder.

Don't overlook Qualified Charitable Distributions, either, as a way to meet the urgent needs of the charities your clients want to support. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act waives Required Minimum Distributions for most taxpayers. The provision includes not only distributions from 401(k)s and IRAs, but also defined benefit pension plans and 457 plans. Taxpayers who have reached 70½ years of age *still* can take advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution, enabling a taxpayer to direct up to \$100K from an IRA to qualified charities. The distribution is not included in taxable income.

## Opportunities For Local Advisors & Announcements

### Donor-Advised Funds For Advisors

Experience our philanthropic expertise, personal attention, and local knowledge just like your clients do.

**We're offer funds to professional advisors.  
You can open a fund with a gift**

### CEO Announcement

Tatiana Hernandez will be Community Foundation Boulder County's next CEO. She comes to the foundation from her role as president of the Emily Griffith Foundation in Denver. Tatiana will take the helm from Jeff Hirtoa on July 6.

of \$2,500.

Contact a member of our Philanthropic Services team today! 303.442.0436

Email Philanthropic Services

More

## Community Foundation Financial Advisor Program

You know your clients. We know philanthropy. **Together, we accomplish more than we do alone, making informed and inspired investments that benefit our community.**

Your Community Foundation's Financial Advisor Program brings together advisors, their clients, and the foundation's responsive and personalized philanthropic advising and services to ensure a great client experience. Your participation creates a distinct advantage: you can manage your clients' assets and meet your clients' tax and charitable goals (the minimum to open a Donor-Advised Fund and manage that fund for your client is \$25K).

To learn more visit [our website](#) or contact a member of our Philanthropic Services team.

## Meet Your Community Foundation Team

We're pleased to work with professional advisors around Boulder County to ensure your clients receive stellar service and a personalized approach to actualizing their philanthropic goals and related tax savings. With our practice of working in partnership, knowledge of local issues and the philanthropic landscape, and commitment to impact, we're your best resource for donor-advised funds and planned giving. Please contact us to learn how we can assist you and your clients now and into next year.

Members of our Philanthropic Services Team:

- **Lynda Ricketson, Vice President of Philanthropic Services**
- **Peggy Driscoll, Major Gifts Officer**
- **Brooke Kahl, Philanthropic Services & Communications Associate**
- **Caroline Landry, Major Gifts Officer**
- **Matt Zwiebel, Director, Pledge 1% Colorado**

[PhilanthropicServices@commfound.org](mailto:PhilanthropicServices@commfound.org) | 303.442.0436 | [commfound.org/advisors](http://commfound.org/advisors)

Donating to *your* Community Foundation  
makes a local impact you can see.  
Get inspired. Donate here.



Copyright © 2019. All Rights Reserved.