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Making a Difference: Working with Philanthropic Families

Philanthropy and its role in family connectedness

Attorneys, financial planners, and accountants frequently observe that their clients who participate in philanthropic endeavors seem happier and more connected to their families. That's actually more than just an observation. Several studies over the years show that engaging in "prosocial behavior" helps build strong relationships. According to a study in **Mindfulness**, 85% of people help someone else once a week, which fosters overall mental health and positive interpersonal connections. As you work with your clients and their families across generations, keep in mind the power of philanthropy to keep families connected.



HOW WE CAN HELP

The community foundation's experience working with families across generations can help you build a legacy of giving for your client families. For example, consider working with the community foundation to help grandparents to establish donor-advised funds for each child or grandchild. Or, consider working with your clients and the community foundation to set up a fund to support a specific cause that the whole family loves.

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.

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In Their Own Words: Donor Spotlight



Our **blog** features **monthly interviews with our donors**, as well as grantees and other updates about our work around Boulder County.



We were looking for a way to give back over the long-term that would also engage our kids.

-Ken Wagers, who - along with his wife, Tina - have held a Donor Advised Fund for nearly 15 years.



Worth repeating: Bundling gifts

The timing of charitable gifts can't fall off the radar, so it's worth a regular reminder about bunching, or "bundling," gifts to charities.

The ripple effects of tax reform mean **just 10% of taxpayers now itemize deductions, down from 30%.**

A smart strategy for charitable clients who want to maximize deductions under the new tax laws is to make **two or more years' worth of charitable contributions in a single year.** This can push taxpayers over the itemizing threshold to reap the benefit of deducting the full value of their donations.



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Statement of Affirmation

Community Foundation Boulder County is committed to being a *community catalyst* for good, alongside donors and partners like you. We believe our community is stronger when all people - women and men, children, older adults, immigrants, people of color, GLBTQ individuals, those with varying abilities and from all faiths - are respected, welcomed, and invited to share their assets and contributions in community building.

We stand with others, in Boulder County and beyond, who courageously strive to build more inclusive communities rather than walls of division. We remain wholeheartedly committed to social justice for our most marginalized and vulnerable people and for the care of threatened environments. We believe in the power of art and music to improve our lives and community. Now, more than ever, we seek opportunities for local action and invite you to join us in our [ongoing leadership work](#) that includes grantmaking, outreach, and advocacy. We accomplish more together than we do alone.

***Donating to your Community
Foundation makes a local impact. Get
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