August 2017 Round-Up

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Lives & Legacies
By Jeff Hirota, CEO

I met Jason when he was 24, ironic, and full of promise. He became my son by marriage and, over the ensuing years, my friend.

"How are you, Jeff?" came his voice on the phone, and I knew he meant it. Twenty years after I met Jason, I walked into the afternoon sunshine following his memorial service.

How would our family remember Jason? Would he remain fixed in time as our memories gradually faded? What would become of his life and our lives after his death?

These questions rose anew for me as we gathered last week at our Community Foundation...
to honor people who have passed before us, people investing in our community today, and people who are leading us into the future.

We celebrated Karina Orona, a young woman who inspires and empowers other youth to strengthen their connections with the community and become responsible members of our society. She received an award honoring the legacy of Patricia Ford Shoemaker, an extraordinary and self-effacing community volunteer.

We celebrated Pam Malzbender, who helps young women become the first in their families to attend college and be leaders in their community. She received an award honoring Stan Black, one of the founders of the Community Foundation Boulder County, who is a present and inspiring force today.

We celebrated a few of the hundreds of people who have expressed their love of our community through legacy gifts with the Community Foundation. Some of their names are etched in the stones leading into the foundation’s home. Many are still at work in our community.

A legacy has come to signify a gift or a memory that extends the past or present into the future. But dating back to its original 14th-century meaning, a legacy was "a body of persons sent on a mission." A legacy was the people themselves.

So, we honor those people sent on a mission for the good of our community. They care enough to act and invest in the future of our community. They represent the best in us.

Before Jason died, he wrote a will and designated some of his life insurance to start a fund to help the marginalized. In so doing, he inspired our family to begin living and planning our legacy.

What is a life well-lived? Jason, our beloved, still walks with us as we live into that question.

"...the purpose is beyond the end you figured
And is altered in fulfillment."
~T.S. Eliot

Honoring Community Leaders & Changemakers

The Community Foundation hosted a reception honoring our 2017 Community Leadership Award recipients, and members of our Legacy Society. Visit our Facebook photo album to meet our accomplished, community-minded honorees.

Our gratitude and congratulations to all!
On Our Blog: Community Partner Spotlight

Quish & Co., LLC

"I think of the Community Foundation as a pollinator. [...] over the past decade, I observed how foundation staff identify and implement the best ideas about what needs to happen to make our community better."

~Mariah Quish, Principal of Quish & Co., LLC

Donating to your Community Foundation makes a local impact you can see. Get inspired. Donate here.
Community Foundation joins national initiative to help close local news and information gaps

As a participant in the Knight Community Information Lab, we plan to explore the information needs of people who are left out of the county’s economic success, particularly Latinos and other populations under-represented by our current power structure. This initiative directly aligns with our value to advance equity and access for everyone in Boulder County.

If you're passionate about early childhood issues...

Dr. Sara Watamura has completed a two-generation study on how adverse childhood circumstances (ACEs include neglect, abuse, incarceration, mental illness in the household, domestic violence, and substance abuse in the household, etc.) in adults affect not only their health, but how they parent their children.

Her groundbreaking presentation, supported by the Early Childhood Council of Boulder County, will be October 3, 9-11 a.m., at the Longmont City Council Chambers. Join us to learn more about this important research.

"A Public Affair" on KGNU Radio: Food Insecurity in Boulder County

On August 28, on KGNU's "A Public Affair,"...
the Community Foundation led a community conversation about food insecurity in Boulder County. Guests included Karla Hale, Executive Director of Longmont Meals on Wheels; Michelle Orge, Executive Director of Community Food Share; and Ingrid Walsh, Founder and Executive Director of Real|Good.

On the fourth Monday of every month, the Community Foundation hosts "A Public Affair" on KGNU Radio (88.5 FM). Our radio show is one of the ways in which we listen to our community, and stay informed about issues and opportunities in Boulder County.

Thanks to the permanent passage of IRA Charitable Rollover legislation, donors age 70.5 and older can transfer up to $100K from their IRAs to the Community Foundation, as a tax-free lifetime gift.

Hurricane Harvey Recovery: How You Can Help

We accomplish more together than we do alone: providing urgent relief and essential services to the people affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Caring people in Houston, across the Gulf Coast, and around the country have been pitching in to aid those affected by the devastating flooding in southeastern Texas. But help is still needed, and there are many ways for Boulder County residents to donate.

At-Large: On Wealth, Physical Fitness & Giving Back

NAHREP Principle #8: Be physically fit because wealth without health is meaningless

"When it comes to building wealth, giving back, and making a difference in the world around us, we accomplish more when we're healthy and take care of ourselves. [...] being honest and disciplined about our physical health is an integral part of being a financial fit and engaged community member."

~Marta Loachamin, guest blogger
2017 Statement of Affirmation

The 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.

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News From The Field

- **4 Tips For Donors Responding To Hurricane Harvey** (August 28, 2017, Forbes)
- **Voices to Protect Johnson Amendment Grow Louder** (August 25, Independent Sector)
- **Time for a New Conversation About Philanthropy and Transparency** (August 24, Inside Philanthropy)
- **Advocates Writing Big Checks, NPOs Relocating Events After Charlottesville** (August 18, The Nonprofit Times)
- **How Nonprofits Responded to Charlottesville** (August 17, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

The Final Word...
For these challenging times, inspiration from Martin Luther King, Jr.’s acceptance speech on the occasion of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize (1964):

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

From Martin Luther King, Jr.’s acceptance speech, on the occasion of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, December 10, 1964

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