



**COMMUNITY  
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BOULDER COUNTY**

INSPIRING IDEAS. IGNITING ACTION.™

## July 2017 Round-Up

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### Pop Culture Classroom

*"Graduates demonstrate a statistically significant increase in literacy skills and demonstrate a 60% growth in course-specific vocabulary."*

~Sam Fuqua, Executive Director



### Growing Gardens

*"Last year, we donated some 9,000 plant starts and 16,000 pounds of fresh produce to more than 15,000 individuals in Boulder County."*

~Vanessa Keeley, Executive Director



### Bridge to Justice

*"Our purpose is to provide civil legal services to moderate - and lower-income earners in Boulder County and along the Front Range."*

~Bruce Wiener, Founder and Executive Director

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## *Inspired By Continual Learning* Carmen Ramirez, Chair, Board of Trustees

At the Community Foundation Boulder County, information, knowledge, and understanding guide our [programs and initiatives](#) - and how we catalyze community around immediate needs and anticipated future challenges.

Crucial to our decision-making, [grantmaking](#), and community collaborations is our biennial TRENDS Report, the latest edition of which will be released in September. Specifically, TRENDS shines a light on our community's most challenging concerns, and most promising potentials - as well as the unique strengths that make this community a great place to live, work, and play. (For the first time, a robust, digital version of TRENDS will feature the 150 community indicators we track in their entirety. Stay tuned to [commfound.org!](#))



Since the first TRENDS Report was published in 1998, we've been refining the indicators we track to more effectively guide and rally our community around our shared values. Because the better we understand our home - the gaps and gifts that set Boulder County apart - the better we work together to identify solutions, and build on our strengths.

From there - armed with the knowledge and understanding of what's working in our community, and what's not - we mobilize resources to address local issues, believing that, when informed and committed community members come together, inspiration strikes...and transformation happens.

In addition to TRENDS, we aim to reflect ever more community input and involvement in our work. Most recently, CEO Jeff Hirota has been conducting a countywide [Listening Tour](#) to hear directly from community members your priorities and concerns for Boulder County. We intend to take what we learn and incorporate it into our strategic thinking. We would love to have you be part of the conversation. [Click here to register for an August tour session.](#)

"The cycle of listening, learning, and acting is a continual process," said Jeff. And I couldn't agree more.

That's why - in the spirit of continual listening, learning, and acting - I'm also pleased to share with you that the [foundation board](#) recently completed a pre-strategic planning retreat to help set the stage for our 2018 strategic planning activities. By defining what we aim to achieve in advance, I believe we'll be more efficient and authentic in our approach next year, when we determine how to hone our efforts to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Boulder County home...and what each of us can do to ignite action, and truly make a difference.

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

## Leadership Fellows Boulder County Graduation

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Leadership Fellows has been an extremely eye-opening experience for me, regarding issues impacting the Boulder community beyond the work I'm doing. I loved having such fantastic community leaders come in month after month and share their work and experience with us. Speakers like Dr. Johanna Maes, Mardi Moore, and much more have continued to fuel my desire to improve my community and work toward a better and more diverse Boulder county.

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~ Juan Moreno, OUT Boulder County, Leadership Fellows Boulder County Graduate

Thirty-two Boulder County leaders representing a diversity of backgrounds, professional experiences and affiliations graduated from [Leadership Fellows Boulder County](#) on July 17. The 11-month program is jointly powered by the [Boulder Chamber of Commerce](#) and the Community Foundation Boulder County. [More](#)

## Announcements & Program Spotlights



### "A Public Affair" on KGNU: Tackling the Achievement Gap

On July 24, on KGNU's "A Public Affair," the Community Foundation led a conversation



### Are You 70.5 Or Older?

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

about the achievement gap in Boulder County - and how an innovative movement, **ELPASO**, is addressing the challenge.

Foundation, as a tax-free lifetime gift.

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.

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**Know Your Net Worth, Set Financial Goals**  
By Marta Loachamin, Guest Contributor

*"Once we begin to meet our own financial goals, we're able to share with others - and teach others in our community. This is the simple concept of putting on your own lifejacket, first."*

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## Join Us On Tour

The Community Foundation Boulder County is on a "Listening Tour" with **CEO Jeff Hirota**. The tour consists of small gatherings - no more than 15 people per session - and is an opportunity for you to share your priorities and concerns for the county with Jeff and the foundation. We intend to take what we learn and incorporate it into our strategic thinking, as the foundation and our countywide community embark on a new chapter together.

If you haven't already signed up for a session in your community, **please see our tour schedule and register today**. Events are listed in alphabetical order by municipality and will take place through August. We look forward to talking with you!

## 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. We accomplish more together than we do alone.



## Surveying The Field

- [Community Foundations Expand Reach Globally \(July 18, The Nonprofit Times\)](#)
- [Nonprofit Leaders Urge Pence To Make Charitable Deduction Universal \(July 13, The Chronicle of Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Tracking Philanthropy Trends: A Panel Discussion Of The Giving USA Report \(July 11, Grantspace\)](#)
- [How To Attract More Young People To Volunteer At Your Nonprofit \(July 11, Forbes\)](#)
- [What's Happening With Arts Philanthropy Right Now? An Innovative Funder Takes Stock \(July 11, Inside Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Four Critical Factors For Nonprofits To Succeed In An Ever Expanding And Crowded Market \(July 10, Influencers in Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Award-Winning Philanthropists Explain The Roots Of Their Giving \(July 7, The New York Times\)](#)
- [This Grantmaking Pyramid Strategy Ensures That Nonprofits Won't Topple \(July 1, Fast Company\)](#)

