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"Sitting and being present with someone, and asking them important questions is something that doesn't happen that often during the course of day-to-day life, and is one of the most profound and powerful ways we have to tell someone else how much we love them."

~David Isay, Founder of StoryCorps, recipient of the MacArthur "Genius" Award



As spring turned to summer, we embarked on a journey around Boulder County to listen and learn from you. We wanted to know how you are feeling about your community, what issues are most important to you, and what you would do to make a difference in these issues.

We listened together at a church in Longmont, a recreation center in Louisville, a library in Nederland, a community music school in Lafayette, and in downtown Boulder too. We're just about halfway through a journey of nearly 50 conversations throughout our county.

The cycle of listening, learning, and acting is a continual process. Along the way, we have been compelled to stop and name what we are experiencing, and to thank each of you who have taken the time to attend a session.

Just this week, a woman attending one of the listening sessions described herself as a career educator. She and her husband, both in their 60s, are having trouble making ends meet on their Social Security benefits and current hourly-wage jobs. Their rent continued to rise until they could no longer afford to pay it. They now live in their car and eat out of a cooler. They found someone to take care of their aging cat because they feared it would not survive summer in the car.

"I never thought these would be the most chaotic years of our lives," she said. "We are the baby boomers. We worked and paid our taxes. We shouldn't be kicked to the gutter."

[Read Jeff's full blog post](#)

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!

On Our Blog: Grantee Spotlights



Boulder County Arts Alliance & Individual Artists

"If you're in trouble, don't hesitate. Like the Martha Kate Thomas Fund, there are resources out there to



BrainSong

"Music is a language of the soul that deeply influences people, especially people with disabilities, and especially if they're non-verbal. Music can really tap



Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain, Inc.

"We promote a passion for free enterprise and entrepreneurship, and a solid understanding of personal financial literacy among young people,

support artists who need help getting back on their feet."

~John March, artist & grant recipient of the Martha Kate Thomas Fund

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into connecting with someone."

~Malva Tarasewicz, parent of BrainSong participant

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K -12."

~Robin Wise, President & CEO

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Colorado Music Festival & Center for Musical Arts

"We aim to be relevant to a broader audience by offering a variety of musical experiences in a short amount of time."

~Brandi Numedahl, Director of Marketing

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

On Our Blog: Donor Spotlights



Rebecca Chávez & Mark Harben

"We're able to see our contributions grow, and because we're socially consciously invested, we give even more than we otherwise could."

~ Becky Chávez



Linda & David Bachrach

"We've worked throughout our lives and - along the way - we've always tried to model for our children giving back through time, energy, treasure, and talent." ~ David Bachrach

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Garda Meyer

"When it comes to giving, I would encourage people to look around their own communities first. There's so much here that many of us

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assume will always be here - but you have to treasure it to sustain it."

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Announcements & Program Spotlights

Apply to be a Leadership Fellow Applications due July 17

The Community Foundation and Boulder Chamber are making an open call for applicants to their joint leadership and networking program: Leadership Fellows Boulder County.

The program will again provide approximately 35 emerging and leaders from across sectors with a broad understanding of Boulder County's economic, civic and cultural drivers. The program offers participants a deep appreciation for the social, environmental, and economic interests leaders must balance in their decisions. Additionally, the program is heavily focused on transformational and inclusive leadership practices.

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**"A Public Affair" on KGNU:
Healthcare Programs in Boulder County**
This month's show covered local healthcare programs and solutions. Listen to our discussion about what Boulder County does well, and where there's room for

For Nonprofit Partners: Changes to Community Trust Grant Cycle

This year's Community Trust grants process will be broken out into two review periods: One (CT1) for proposals focused on arts and culture, education, or environment and animals. The other (CT2) focused on health and human services or civic engagement proposals.

Specifics about the change and how to apply will be announced next week. Please keep an **eye on this page** and look for an e-blast with details next week.

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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 Foundation, as a tax-free lifetime gift.

improvement in providing healthcare to its population. Learn more about what efforts or programs are being implemented to make improvements, and how shifting Boulder County demographics affect the delivery of healthcare here.

[More](#)

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. July's show will focus on closing the achievement gap.

[Listen](#)



Leadership Fellow Spotlight: Robyn Hazlitt

"Dedicating a session each month to a different aspect of our local society has helped me gain a better understanding of how the many issues we hear about in the news all tie together. At least once during each session, I've had a 'wow' moment about some surprising, key piece of information that I wish everyone knew."

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Financial Resiliency Builds Community By Marta Loachamin, Guest Contributor

"If you have expertise in financial literacy, I hope you'll consider donating your time to help more community members build our collective wealth, which - in turn - results in greater giving and community impact."

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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

- [A New Interactive Snapshot of the Community Foundation Field \(June 22, Philanthropy News Digest\)](#)
- [How Are Funders Boosting Arts Engagement Across Diverse Communities? \(June 8, Inside Philanthropy\)](#)
- [As Government Retrenches, Philanthropy Booms \(June 20, The New York Times\)](#)
- [5 Charts That Illustrate The Racial Bias In The Nonprofit World \(June 15, Fast Company\)](#)
- [A Now Familiar Story: Immigrant Roots, Activist Giving \(June 2, Inside Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Donations Grew 1.4% to \\$390 Billion in 2016, Says 'Giving USA' \(June 13, The Chronicle of Philanthropy\)](#)



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