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TRENDS Report 10th Edition Is Here

We want our 10th edition of TRENDS to be accessible to everyone who lives or works in Boulder County.

Please access the tools below, and let's get inspired for the next wave of making a difference together!

TRENDS report

TRENDS community presentation calendar

TRENDS webinar

Join us on Instagram!

We're new to this wonderful way of capturing images and information about our community. We invite you to follow us on Instagram, and enjoy and share photos and observations from TRENDS that showcase Boulder County.



Challenging Us To Change The Odds

Jeff Hirota, CEO

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ... some of the noisiest authorities insisted in its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only." ~Charles Dickens, "A Tale of Two Cities"

Dickens wrote of a time of extremes - it was horrible or never better. Does this sound vaguely familiar?

On the one hand, a spate of (un)natural disasters, wars of words backed with nuclear arms, and anything but domestic tranquility. On the other hand, we remain steadfastly resilient.

Against this backdrop, the Community Foundation Boulder County released the 10th edition of the **TRENDS community indicators report**.

On the one hand, we are more diverse than ever, many of our kids are graduating at higher rates, more of us enjoy health care coverage, our employment rates are high, and we volunteer to support our neighbors and improve our community.

On the other hand, we're less open to racial and ethnic minorities, our academic achievement gap persists, our gains in health-care coverage are uncertain, our wages aren't keeping pace with the cost of our housing, and our charitable giving ratio ranks 44th out of 64 Colorado counties.

And this just in: **National Geographic named Boulder the happiest city in the United States**.

In case you're wondering, the National Geographic Gallup study measured city (not county) happiness in five dimensions: financial, social, purpose, community, physical. The article concluded the "Boulder brand of happiness" is a "community of fit, successful, mission-driven people with a clear vision of the good life, even if they don't completely live it yet." The city of Boulder ranked highest on financial health, lowest on purpose.

On the one hand, some of us are happy. On the other hand, we aren't yet the community we wish to be. TRENDS lifts up stories of beating the odds while challenging us to change the odds. Together, we will work to ensure a Boulder County in which all have the opportunity to enjoy the fullest of lives.

Yours in community,
Jeff



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makes a local impact you can see.
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On Our Blog: TRENDS in the Arts & Donor Spotlight



Bill Obermeier On The Local Arts Scene

"While there's enthusiasm in Boulder County for the arts themselves - in terms of audience attendance and general interest - there's less support in terms of charitable donations."

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Donor-Advised Fundholder: Diane Israel

"We feel we can see our mom smiling at us when we collaborate and stay connected as a family by making a difference together in our community. In that sense, giving back is very personal...and it's something you can do even if you don't have a lot of wealth. Just give what you can give, and it raises the vibration for everyone."

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Announcements & Program Spotlights



"A Public Affair" On KGNU: TRENDS Report: Education in Boulder County



Are You 70.5 Or Older?



Natural Disasters: How You Can Help

This fall has been a season of many natural disasters.

Pinned to the top of our blog are updates and ideas about

The October show featured St. Vrain Valley School District Superintendent, Don Haddad, and CU Boulder's Associate Vice Chancellor in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, Alphonse Keasley. Community Foundation Trustee, Jim Williams, former Dean of Libraries at CU Boulder, hosted.

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.

how you can support individual recovery efforts.

Please check here for the latest.

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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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Announcing the 2017-18 Leadership Fellows

"The program, a joint effort of the foundation and the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, instills a broad understanding of Boulder County's economic, civic, and cultural drivers. We aim to offer participants a deep appreciation for the social, environmental, and economic interests that our leaders must balance in their decisions."

-Elvira Ramos, Vice President of Programs and Inclusive



Philanthropy Feeds Your Heart And Spirit

"Are we teaching that giving is solely based on our own self-interest, or do we seek out ways to make a difference in our communities that are authentic, relevant, and purposeful?"

-Marta Loachamin, Guest

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Entrepreneurs Tackle Homelessness

The "Invisible Task Force" forms at Denver Start Up Week to bring design thinking to solutions.

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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

- [Strong Giving in First Half of 2017 Signals Strong Year End, Report Says \(October 31, The Chronicle of Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Nonprofits relying on wealthy donors in St. Louis and nationally \(Oct. 25, St. Louis Post-Dispatch\)](#)
- [2 in 5 Americans Lack 'Philanthropic Footprint' \(October 18, The Nonprofit Times\)](#)
- [Nine Ways Nonprofits Can Increase Community Engagement \(October 17, Forbes\)](#)
- [Women Get More Joy From Higher Giving While Men Are Simply Happy to Make a Donation, Study Finds \(October 17, The Chronicle of Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Keeping Up: Philanthropy in an era of sweeping social movements \(October 10, Inside Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Where you live, How you give: What a Fidelity study says about U.S. Donors \(October 6, Inside Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Fewer Americans find room in their budgets for charity, Chronicle data shows \(October 3, The Chronicle of Philanthropy\)](#)
- [Online giving up, but overall giving declines \(October 2, The Nonprofit Times\)](#)

