



## April 2018 Round Up

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## On Our Blog: Leaders, Givers, and News

### Radio Show: *Tax reform and its philanthropic implications*

You can now also listen to our shows as podcasts through iTunes or other podcast apps. Search "Community Foundation Boulder County" to download and listen.

### Grantee Spotlights:

- *15 Forever Fund tackles availability and access to youth mental health services*
- *Wildlands Restoration Volunteers*
- *Boulder Emergency Squad*
- *Longmont Children, Youth, and Families*
- *Arts Longmont*
- *Years of Open Door Fund gala successful as grantmaking continues to enhance the lives of our LGBTQJ community*
- *HOPE for Boulder County vets*

### Donor Spotlights:

- *Andrew Currie on the environment, nature, and wildlife*

- *Noel Culberson dons boxing gloves for Community Foundation Boulder County*
- *Pledge 1% Colorado: Betting on Colorado startups*
- *Justine Vigil-Tapia on the obvious fit of the BRAVO Fund*
- *Hispanidad helping the BRAVO Fund reach our audience*
- *Randy Clapp and James Hoppe doing what they can to help others*
- *Lauren Voigt realizing her grandmother's wishes*

#### Community Thought Leaders:

- *Mardi Moore on LGBTQ youth of color*
- *Rafael Salgado on environmental education*
- *Ailsa Wonnacott on intellectual or developmental disabilities in community*
- *Pilot program connects vulnerable adults to specialty care*
- *Genesis Kebede on 15 Forever: By youth, for youth*
- *Maegan Vallejo: A community comes together to support DACA renewals*

#### Leadership Fellows Spotlights:

- *Gisela Hernandez, Center for People with Disabilities*
- *Cindy Sepucha, Open Studios*

#### Opportunities:

- *Pat on the Back and Stan Black Awards: Nominations due before May 21*
- *Office space for lease*
- *Job Announcement: Vice President of Philanthropic Services*

#### Meet Our Staff and Board:

- *Community Foundation Boulder County Announces New Trustees*

If you haven't already, we invite you to explore the Community Foundation on *Instagram!* This month, we're highlighting the dedicated members of our Board of Trustees, along with the inspiring - often moving - stories of some local DACA renewal recipients.

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

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## Message from Leslie Allen, Board Chair

**When I think of our Community  
Foundation, I think of a big dinner table.**

I think of a place where people gather to nourish and share. A place where they learn about each other and themselves. A place where manners matter, where how we talk to each other and how we listen to each other, are as important as what we say.



It's an ever-expanding table where there's a place for everyone in the community. It's a place of laughter, compassion, and yes, sometimes deep frustration.

But at its very core, I believe our Community Foundation is a place of connection. Author and social researcher Brené Brown, famous for her work on vulnerability and courage, writes:

"Connection is why we're here; it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives."

We live in a time where connection is often about one electronic device speaking to another. But, I think we all desperately need places where we can really see each other. Where people from all experiences and backgrounds can discuss issues that matter to our community in a way that isn't about one side prevailing or "winning," but in a way that looks for understanding and a best way forward for our community as a whole.

We may not all agree as we come around the table, but by respectfully making room for different points of view and different approaches, we learn how to build the connection that we all seek. We saw this connection and community in action during our most recent Listening Tours, where we brought hundreds of people together in the county to ask what matters to them. We got some helpful insight from that exercise on community trends and the work we do. But even more, we got people thanking us for bringing them together. It felt good to be really connecting.

I don't serve as a volunteer for the Community Foundation because I have a particular agenda for the community. I don't have a specific problem I want solved or a solution I want to see adopted. I joined the Board of Trustees and now serve as Chair because I want to see this institution - this invaluable community table - thrive in the place where I live.

Does serving as a place of connection mean that the foundation will take on every idea? No, it doesn't. In fact, as we head into our strategic planning process, we know that what we don't do is as important as what we will do. Our resources are limited, and we want to ensure that the foundation's impact is exponential, not scattered.

But it is my sincere hope that the foundation remains a place where a conversation can start, where a spark of an idea is born from discussion, where people can convene around an issue and take action in their own way to create a future that will benefit us all in Boulder County.

That's the organization I want to thrive in our community, and I hope you do, too.

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On April 14, Community Foundation Boulder County, CU Law Clinic, and CIRC came together to support DACA renewals. [Meet them, read their testimonials](#), and be as inspired as we are!

Elizabeth came to the United States from Jalisco when she was 2 years old. She renewed her DACA so she can continue working without fear, and provide for herself and her daughter without fear of deportation. *"Thanks for this great opportunity. It definitely helps!"*  
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[Read more about the clinic here.](#)

## News & Perspectives From The Field

[America's disappearing givers](#) (Spring 2018, Philanthropy Roundtable)

[Value of volunteers' time up to \\$24.69 an hour, study says](#)  
(April 24, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

[Online gifts rose a median of 23% in 2017, study says](#) (April 24, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

[Trump-Fueled 'reactive' giving likely to continue in 2018, study says](#) (April 24, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

[More than half of nonprofits aren't worried tax overhaul will dampen giving](#) (April 16, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

[Foundations gear up to influence 2018 elections](#) (April 13, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

[Data-driven aid: How digital intelligence is changing the way we give](#) (April 12, Fast Company)

[Do you have "Advantage Blindness"?](#) (April 10, Harvard Business Review)

[Charitable giving through donor-advised funds on rise](#) (April 6, Investment News)

[5 ways nonprofits struggle \(and how to overcome them\)](#) (April 3, Fast Company)

[Charitable giving by corporations is also about getting, a new study finds](#) (April 3, The New York Times)

[Donor-Advised funds: Where the money goes](#) (April 2, Financial Advisor)

[Is impact investing the next big thing for donor-advised fund?](#) (April 2, Inside Philanthropy)

## 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.



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