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Who Counts?

"...never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." John Donne

One of the ways we determine whether we matter or even exist in America is by counting ourselves. This happens every ten years with a national census and will happen again in 2020, which seems a long way off yet right around the corner.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, "When you respond to the census, you help your community get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs."

The people of Boulder County, our nonprofit organizations, and your Community Foundation depend on an accurate census count.

Here are a few examples of why the census matters to our community:

- Funding for Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, State Children's Health Insurance, Foster Care, Special Education, Health Center Programs, etc. One uncounted person in Colorado results in an estimated \$1262 loss to federal "welfare" programs to Colorado (GW Univ).
- Compliance with fair standards in housing, educational, and senior services
- Establishing new congressional districts and losing others
- Planning for business development, schools, workforce development, transportation, and emergency response
- Informing local policy, philanthropy, and community-based organizations

Why is it not too soon to care?

- The last census missed about one million children, many of them young children of color. When kids aren't counted, the households in which they live aren't counted either. The number of unrepresented people multiplies.
- The chilling effect of a "citizenship check box" on the census is real. Some people fear this question might target them for removal of benefits or deportation. Some households include citizens and non-citizens. For example, 94% of Latinos under the age of 18 are U.S. born. Individuals in "blended families" may worry about being treated differently by their citizenship status.
- This is the first decennial census to use the internet as the primary response mode. Seniors, people living in poverty, or people living in areas without adequate internet service may not have access to this technology. How do we help ensure equitable opportunity for participation by other means?
- Federal budget cuts will affect communication and outreach. How do we help people understand and access the census?

Who counts? We all do. A fair, inclusive, and accurate census is a matter of equity

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News & Perspectives From The Field

How to fund your charitable giving in retirement (Aug. 22, CBS News)

Donor-Advised Funds: How to make sure they strengthen our communities (Aug. 20, Nonprofit Quarterly)

These charity experiments successfully nudge people to give more (Aug. 13, Fast Company)

America has 1.5 million nonprofits and room for more (Aug. 13, The Conversation)

2017 foundation investments returned double digits (Aug. 9, The NonProfit Times)

John Tayer: A duty to speak up about Boulder's economy (Aug. 4, Daily Camera)

Nonprofits know they need to get more diverse - but they aren't (Aug. 3, Fast Company)

Congress introduces bill to revolutionize philanthropy (Aug. 27, Philanthropy News Digest)

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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