Message From The Chair: Leslie Allen

A Place For Everyone: Thinking About Legacy Giving

When I'm in downtown Boulder in between meetings or with a few moments to spare (and I've found a good parking spot!), I often go into the courtyard at the Community Foundation.

It's a walled garden with a bubbling fountain at the center, with just enough shade and flowers, and one of my favorite places. It's peaceful and calm and special.

It's not a place that just Community Foundation staff or board members like me can hang out. Like the foundation, this is a place for all of us. I invite you to come and see it.
And when you do, take a look at the names inscribed in stone on the east side of the courtyard. These are donors who are members of our Legacy Society: people who have left the foundation in their wills and estate plans. I'm excited that my name will be in the next batch of names to be inscribed.

A few years ago my husband and I went to update our will. It took some time to wade through all the questioning and paperwork that comes with it. It certainly is one of those exercises that make you think - about your health, your family, and the things you love.

We made a bequest to the Community Foundation because we love this community. For me personally, my involvement with the Community Foundation has been an amazing journey of growth, inspiration, and support. I've met so many people from so many different parts of this county, all working to better this place we all call home.

But even more, I believe that the Community Foundation is a place where goodness lives. It might not always have all the answers. But the intention of working for all in our community, of striving to include everyone in strengthening Boulder County, is where I want my own good intentions to live for a long time.

There's room for you - and for everyone in Boulder County - in this courtyard.

No matter what your economic situation, everyone needs a will and anyone can leave a bequest. It's a lasting way to express your values and be part of your community beyond your lifetime.

Please take me up on my invitation and spend a minute of peace in this lovely place. We hope it inspires you to think about the people and things you love and value.

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June 19 was the foundation's annual Legacy Society Reception. We were graced by the talents of poet, Elizabeth Robinson, who wrote a poem inspired by and for the occasion. Learn more and listen to her read "A Creek Runs Through Us."

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

**Radio Show:** Challenges faced by our LGBTQ community

- Listen or Read

**Grantee Spotlights:**

- Boulder County Latino History Project Celebrates 5th Anniversary
- Intercambio Uniting Communities

**Donor & Community Volunteer Award Spotlights:**

- Donor-Advised Fundholder: Beau Rezendes
- Lynette Sipe: 2018 Pat-on-the-Back Award Recipient
- Marta Loachamin: 2018 Stan Black Award Recipient

**Programs & Points of View:**
Digging in our heels to support LGBTQ rights in Boulder County
Jeff Hirota: “Together, we will keep working for equity”
Jeff Hirota: “Suffer the children”
Leadership Fellows Spotlight: Norma Fuentes
David Hirschhorn on joining 15 Forever: “A Great Decision”
YouthRoots chosen to run 15 Forever Program

Opportunities:

- Office space for lease

Meet Our Board, Staff, and Volunteers:

- Announcing our new Vice President of Philanthropic Services, Lynda Ricketson
- Deisy Deluna: DACA “Dreamer” and former intern makes her mark

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

Know Your County

Did you know? We’ve granted $400k to support local programs that serve and strengthen our LGBTQ community.

Learn more about our Open Door Fund and consider making a donation today. #CommunityCatalyst

News & Perspectives From The Field

$16.3 billion drop in giving predicted this year due to tax cut (June 19, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

American donations to charity show widening gap between rich and poor (June 17, MarketWatch)
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.