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BOULDER COUNTY**

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## 2019 Year-End Round Up

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## Doers, Leaders & News

### Grants:

Grantee Spotlight: *Warrior StoryField*

Veterans Fund: *Community Foundation's Veterans Fund Grants \$5,700*

### Donors & Leaders:

Donor Spotlight: *Hillary and Eric Johnson*

Leadership Fellows Spotlight: *Sandra Guidicelli*

Community Leader: *Honoring the work of Elvira Ramos*

### News:

TRENDS Community Presentations now available in English and Spanish:

*La presentación del informe TRENDS ahora está disponible en español e inglés*

We're hiring! *[Seeking candidates for CFO/COO](#)*

## Crucial Community Conversations



**CARMEN RAMIREZ**  
COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES MANAGER  
LONGMONT COLORADO

In three compelling videos that expand on the stories and data in our newly released **2019 Boulder County TRENDS Report**, we're excited to share with you the experience and informed perspectives of valued community leaders who inspire community action for meaningful impact.

**Diverse Community:** This insightful conversation with Carmen Ramirez - Community & Neighborhood Resources Manager, City of

Longmont - explores what it means to be invisible in the community where you live, the significance of the U.S. Census, the critical work of cultural brokers ... and how to build community resiliency where everyone feels seen, valued, and included. *Support the Community Foundation's equity vision.*

**Affordable Housing:** A candid interview with Frank Alexander - Housing and Human Services Director, Boulder County - this video explores who we are as a community, and how stable and affordable housing has become a critical need across our county among many of our neighbors. Learn what's being done to address the burden of rising rents and growing concerns around insufficient affordable housing. *With your help*, we can do more to create a community that's equitable and inclusive for all.

**Eco-Justice:** In this persuasive exchange with Magnolia Landa-Posas - Community Engagement Manager, Just Transition Collaborative (JTC), CU Boulder - hear her personal, emotional account of her parents' close connection to nature. And learn how biases and misconceptions about immigrants and other marginalized communities overlook their knowledge, experience, and reverence for our planet. *Join us and make a difference for our environment.*

We hope you'll enjoy and share these videos, along with the **TRENDS Report** ... and we invite you to join your Community Foundation's equity vision with **your financial support**.

## Radio Show & TRENDS Podcast

**Changing Demographics in Boulder County:** With the release of your Community Foundation's latest TRENDS Report, the most recent episode of our radio show explores the "Who Are We?" section of the report, including a discussion about what makes our county diverse; and what's being done to enhance and expand a sense of community for everyone who calls Boulder County home, including local veterans.

**Isolation Among Seniors:** Taking the TRENDS Report to the next level - also in partnership with KGNU Community Radio - our new journalism initiative to produce TRENDS podcasts is well underway. The most recent podcast uncovers social isolation and chronic loneliness among older adults in our community. Find all TRENDS podcasts at [commfound.org](http://commfound.org) or [news.kgnu.org/category/trends](http://news.kgnu.org/category/trends) ... and wherever you find your favorite podcasts, including iTunes. Join the conversation!

## Message from Cindy Lindsay, Board of Trustees



Dear friends of Community Foundation Boulder County,

As 2019 comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on a year comprising both challenges and progress in our community - many of which we explore in the most recent edition of our recently-published **TRENDS Report**. I'm also thinking about 2020, a new year that will likely add more layers of complexity to the issues we face as a community.

As a **Trustee** of your Community Foundation, I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of an organization that doesn't shy away from community concerns, focusing instead on being both responsive to our county's most critical needs, and serving as a catalyst for positive community change. We recognize that "it takes a village" to tackle and address social, economic, and environmental inequities ... and other problems in our community. That's where you come in!

Thanks to the amazing generosity of community members like you, the foundation accomplished a great many funding goals this year, enabling us to better support local nonprofits that serve marginalized members of our community. **With your help** - and based on data from the foundation's flagship **TRENDS Report** - we awarded grants to some 150 organizations providing a range of programs and services in health, education, community leadership, civic engagement, the arts and culture, our environment, and more. As such, we've helped meet the needs of our

increasingly diverse community - young people, seniors, and veterans, as well as Latinx and LGBTQ+ community members, people experiencing homelessness, and others. Learn more about the foundation's [funding areas](#), and how some generous, community-minded donors optimize their giving by establishing [Donor-Advised Funds](#) at the Community Foundation. Together, we accomplish more than we do alone.

Looking ahead, [TRENDS](#) provides a blueprint for Community Foundation donors, Trustees, and staff to address inequities in our community. Indeed, the foundation's deepening emphasis on equity reflects our commitment to ensure that everyone who calls Boulder County home has access to the resources that they need to be successful and thrive. It's a lofty goal, but one that - [with your support](#), and as you consider your year-end [giving options](#) - your Community Foundation intends to advance.

## It's Required Minimum Distribution Season!

Did you know? Donors age 70.5 and older can transfer up to \$100K from their IRAs to Community Foundation Boulder County as a tax-free lifetime gift. You can choose to transfer all or a portion of their IRA to a fund at your Community Foundation. Our Philanthropic Services team is standing by to assist you: [PhilanthropicServices@commfound.org](mailto:PhilanthropicServices@commfound.org) or 303.442.0436.

**Donating to your Community Foundation makes a difference you can see. *Please donate today!***

## News & Perspectives From The Field

*Few Nonprofits Have Taken Concrete Steps to Become More Diverse, According to New Report* (November 20, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

*Local Economy Is Top Driver of Decisions at Smaller Foundations* (November 19, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

*Contributions to Donor-Advised Funds Up 20 Percent in 2018* (November 12, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

*Giving to Charity Creates Sustained Happiness* (November 5, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

*Demographic Trends Push Giving Down Among Young People* (November 1, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)



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