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## January 2020 Round Up

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## Movers & Shakers

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### News & Opportunities:

*You can help mobilize local participation in Census 2020*

*Responding to crises in Australia and Puerto Rico*

*TRENDS Community Presentations now available in English and Spanish*

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

## Jeff Hirota Announces Retirement



Earlier this month Jeff Hirota announced his retirement at the end of June 2020. He and his wife are looking forward to the next chapter in their lives.

"It's the honor of a lifetime to serve Boulder County as the CEO of its foundation," says Jeff. "I'm profoundly grateful for friendships and partnerships with some of the finest people I will ever know."

"Community Foundation Boulder County is truly the community's foundation, and I know it will continue to

thrive and improve the quality of life for everyone in Boulder County, for generations to come."

The foundation's Board of Trustees has begun the process of conducting a national search, and expects the next CEO to begin in early June, allowing transition time with Jeff.

"Jeff will have served the foundation for three-and-a-half years, and the board is grateful for his leadership," says Leslie Allen, Chair of the foundation's Board of Trustees. "He built on a strong foundation, and the institution is in a great place - both financially and programmatically."

"Thanks to Jeff's leadership, the foundation has a new strategic plan with a vision of equity, and impactful work is underway. Additionally, we've put business systems in place that are making it possible to better concentrate on our core mission."

Leslie adds, "We're confident of a smooth and successful transition, and we're excited about the future of the foundation - and our continued work throughout Boulder County to achieve our shared equity vision."

Please stay tuned for updates about the foundation's search for Jeff's successor.

## Radio Show & TRENDS Podcast

***Boulder County's Economy & Housing:*** In this broadcast of your Community Foundation's monthly radio show - expanding on the Economy & Housing section of our TRENDS Report - we explore such local community concerns as affordable housing, jobs, gender pay gaps, and more...and what you can do to make a difference. Hosted by Jim Williams, a foundation trustee, guests include Lori Call, Senior Director of Policy Programs, Boulder Chamber; Scott Holton, Co-Founder and Principal, Element Properties; and Danica Powell, representing the Boulder County Regional Housing Partnership and its Home Wanted campaign. You can [\*find all our radio shows\*](#) on our website or wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts.

***Census 2020:*** Taking our TRENDS Report to the next level - in partnership with KGNU Community Radio - our new journalism initiative highlights the most important issues in Boulder County. In January, our monthly

TRENDS podcast featured a report and discussion about the upcoming Census, including Peggy Leech, Co-President of the League of Women Voters Boulder County and the Co-Chair of the Boulder Complete Count Committee for the 2020 U.S. Census; Samantha Ibarra, President of the Pantherz Zonta ZClub at Boulder High School; and Scott Medina, Director of Community Relations at Bridge House. Find all TRENDS equity 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.



Samantha Ibarra and Peggy Leech

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## News & Perspectives From The Field

*Giving is changing as philanthropy faces more scrutiny* (January 21, The Conversation)

*Environment and conservation finally become urgent issues for philanthropists*  
(January 19, Forbes)

*Philanthropy 2020: Meaningfully impacted by politics, tax law and climate change* (January 12, Denver Post)

*2020 Vision: Key trends for the year ahead* (January 7, The Chronicle of Philanthropy)

*New research maps where housing and health crises collide in Colorado* (January 6, Denverite)



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