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Nonprofit CEO Peer Calls brought to you by SVP Boulder County and Community Foundation Boulder County

Community Foundation Boulder County moved to remote operations on March 17, and our building is closed. We are conducting all regular business and are here to serve.

You can reach everyone on staff by phone or email.

Message from Jeff Hirota, CEO



Dear Friends,

A week has passed since my last note to you, and it feels like ages ago, and, just yesterday. Such is the reality when we are all mostly at home "social distancing" and simultaneously part of a world where developments about COVID-19 are hitting us rapidly. We continue to hope this, and all our communications, reach you feeling healthy and staying positive.

Since my March 20 update *announcing our first round of grants* from our *COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County*, you have continued to amaze us with your generosity. **As of late afternoon March 25, the fund had total commitments of \$738,425, including that initial \$120,000 granted and \$423,425 promised.** Amy Batchelor and Brad Feld set the tone by setting a match challenge of \$100,000, and, since March 20, **two other donors have set matches totaling \$240,000.** **Please continue sharing this giving opportunity with your networks.** Your generosity will continue to support local nonprofit organizations serving those in our community at the nexus of most vulnerable to the coronavirus and living in poverty or belonging to an historically underserved population. As always, your Community Foundation's work is to help ignite action to change the circumstances of those experiencing inequity.

In the days ahead, we'll bring you funding reports from all the COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County grantees. In the meantime, to help quantify the difference you're making, please see the below summary from Community Food Share:

We recognize that the recovery period for COVID-19 in our community will last much longer than the virus alone. The grant we received through the Community Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County helped us place an immediate order for four additional truckloads of food - each with approximately 42,500 pounds of food - to address the overwhelming need in our community. More than 40K of our neighbors relied on our network of food pantries and meal programs, even before COVID-19. In the week following statewide school and business shutdowns, we hit record-breaking distribution numbers for our Louisville facility - evidence that as layoffs continue at a staggering rate, more and more community members are needing help for the first time. ~Julia McGee, Director of Communications, Community Food Share

A community foundation fosters connections as much as it facilitates the investment of community resources. To that end, today we're launching "TRENDS Diaries." See our description below to understand how this new tool highlights community members who are sharing their perspectives and experiences of connection during this time of physical separation.

We are here for Boulder County providing funding and fostering social connection. Thank you for being a part of making both possible, and thank you to the many other local funders and frontline services who are doing courageous work to provide care and support.

Yours in community,
Jeff Hirota, CEO

Donate to the COVID-19 Response Fund Boulder County

Introducing TRENDS Diary

A high school senior shifts to "distant socializing." A first-generation college student finds new connections and routines. A professor invites us all to slow down.

These Boulder County residents, like so many others, have found ways to solve problems and connect with their communities in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. ***Today we debut their first-person accounts in a new feature we are calling TRENDS Diary.***

For now, we will use this feature to provide our neighbors an outlet to write, share photos, videos and audio files, about connection and problem solving as they cope with the current orders to stay home.

Take a few moments to read their stories. Then think about your own recent experiences, and those of your local friends and family. ***If you feel inspired to share, please submit your story.*** If we select it for publication, we'll be in touch.

We are all in this together,
Chris Barge, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives and TRENDS Editor

Job Announcement: CEO

We are now accepting resumes for the position of Chief Executive Officer. Please see our website for more ***information about the position and how to apply.***

Related: Jeff Hirota Announces Retirement

Your Community Foundation's Vision of Equity

Your Community Foundation's ***strategic plan*** is focused on increasing equity in Boulder County. To us, that means aligning our community programming, business, and philanthropic services toward **creating systems where all can thrive**.

The foundation's ability to make a difference is based on our ability to prioritize the following core values:

- Prioritizing those most impacted by inequity
- Following a resident-centered leadership practice of "Do nothing about us without us"

- Accomplishing more together than alone

Thank you for joining us in this work. To keep up with our latest activities, *please subscribe to our blog* from the footer of our website.

News & Perspectives From The Field

[Self-Care During Challenging Times](#) (March 24, Community Wealth Partners)

[What happens to charitable giving when the economy falters?](#) (March 23, The Conversation)

['All Giving Is Very Necessary.' Ways To Give To Charity During The Coronavirus Crisis](#) (March 19, NPR)

[Nonprofits and Coronavirus, COVID-19](#) (March 2020, National Council of Nonprofits)

[Coronavirus And Your 2020 Fundraising Goals: What Nonprofits Need To Know](#) (March 11, Forbes)

[COVID-19-Seven Things Philanthropy Can Do](#) (March 2, FSG)



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