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15 Teens are needed to serve in the 15 Forever Youth Grantmaking Program

BOULDER COUNTY (July 25, 2007) — The 15 Forever Program is a youth civic engagement, leadership, and grantmaking program of The Community Foundation, in partnership with Elevations Credit Union. The intention of 15 Forever is to address the needs and concerns of Boulder County youth from a youth perspective. Each year 15 Forever will grant $15,000 in grants to programs focused on the youth of Boulder County.

The 15 Forever Advisory Committee will be formed annually for a school-year term by fifteen youth leaders (ages 15 to 18) from across Boulder County. The 15 Forever Youth Leaders will meet five times per semester and will learn about the following: assets; needs and risks for the youth population; financial literacy; existing non-profit organizations and programs; and grantmaking.

Grants recommended by the 15 Forever Youth Leaders are funded by generous contributions from community members and Philanthropiece (http://www.philanthropiece.org/). The endowment ensures that $15,000 will be granted for youth, by youth, in perpetuity. Grants will be made to programs addressing issues affecting youth, including but not limited to health and human services, cultural, recreational, and educational activities.

How to become a 15 Forever Youth Leader?

Youth (ages 15-18) who live in Boulder County and who are interested in joining 15 Forever for the 2007-2008 school year are encouraged to apply. No previous leadership experience is necessary. Feel free to contact Carly Hare at 303-442-0436 x111 or carly@commfound.org, with any questions. Applications are due Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

A committee of former 15 Forever Youth Leaders and Community Foundation Trustees will read all the written applications and interview applicants. New Youth Leaders will be invited to join based on their potential to positively contribute to the Advisory Committee’s work and their capacity to represent the diversity of Boulder County’s youth community.

15 Forever Youth Leader Requirements

• Boulder County resident
• 15 - 18 years old
• Unique or diverse perspective and background encouraged
• Available to meet 5 times per semester (see 15 Forever calendar)

Responsibilities of the 15 Forever Youth Leaders

• Fully engage in meetings
• Make grant recommendations to The Community Foundation regarding the 15 Forever Fund
• Promote youth access to cultural, recreational, or educational opportunities
• Collaborate with other entities to promote the youth voice in Boulder County
The 15 Forever Program is in partnership with and supported by:

The Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. The Foundation helps donors practice strategic philanthropy in Boulder County and beyond, and supports local non-profit organizations through grants and technical assistance. In 2006, The Community Foundation granted more than $5.2 million, and since 1991 has granted over $20,000,000. Through programs such as The Boulder County Civic Forum, The Culture of Giving Movement, Social Venture Partners, and The Expanding Leadership Initiative, The Community Foundation provides leadership about issues and opportunities taking place in Boulder County. To learn more, please visit www.commfound.org or call 303-442-0436.

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