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May 16th conference highlights immigration impacts, advocacy, and fundraising challenges

“POWER UP: Shape up your non-profit organization and empower the community!”

The Community Foundation’s annual Community Ventures Conference is May 16th in Lafayette

BOULDER COUNTY (May 8, 2006) – The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County will host its annual technical assistance conference for non-profit organizations—Community Ventures—on Tuesday, May 16th at the Lionsgate Center in Lafayette.

The lunch panel will feature Adrian Miller from The Bell Policy Center, Rich Wobbekind from CU Boulder, and DeAnne Butterfield from The Boulder County Civic Forum. The panelists will speak about the economic impacts of immigration on Colorado, the economic and demographic outlook for Boulder County, and preview immigration related initiatives predicted to be on the ballot in November.

“POWER UP: Shape up your organization and empower the community” will be a full-day event starting with a 7:30am breakfast session for non-profit organization board members. Kim Klein, internationally respected fundraising trainer and consultant, will use her humor to inform and encourage veteran and new board members for maximum fun and effectiveness in their roles. Workshops throughout the day will educate attendees about topics such as managing non-profit organization finances, fundraising, program evaluation, and how to create more diverse and inclusive organizations. Representative, Tom Plant, will conduct a workshop on the role of non-profit organizations in advocacy and how to maintain strong communication with public policy makers. Ira Notttonson, columnist with the Boulder County Business Report, will speak about evaluating an organization’s business plan.

Staff, board members, and other volunteers of non-profit organizations are encouraged to attend this conference. Conference participants will walk away inspired and with useful tools.

For program information and to register, visit www.commfound.org/nonprof/ventures/ or call 303-442-0436.

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