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Jeff Hirota Announces Retirement as CEO of Community Foundation Boulder County

Boulder (Jan. 3, 2020) – Jeff Hirota, CEO of Community Foundation Boulder County, today announced his retirement at the end of June 2020. Hirota and his wife are looking forward to their next chapter, which includes relocating to Mexico.



“It’s the honor of a lifetime to serve Boulder County as the CEO of its foundation,” said Hirota. “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 Hirota.

“Jeff will have served the foundation for three-and-a-half years, and the board is grateful for his leadership,” said 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.”

Allen added, “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.”

For more information, contact Leslie Allen at 720.320.4205, or leslie@frontrangesource.com.

About Jeff Hirota

Jeff Hirota joined the Community Foundation Boulder County as CEO in January 2017.

Previously, Hirota served as Vice President of Programs for The Denver Foundation (2006-16) where he directed all programs and discretionary grantmaking; he also played an integral role in the foundation's fundraising and donor stewardship efforts.

Prior to joining The Denver Foundation in 2003, Hirota served as Director of Brand Development for ABC affiliate Denver's 7, and Executive Director of the Five Points Media Center – a community media center serving women, people of color, and the economically disadvantaged.

Hirota also worked in radio, television, and feature film production in Nashville, Boston, and Los Angeles; and was an independent documentary producer whose work included projects in Nicaragua and Ethiopia. Additionally, Hirota is an ordained United Methodist pastor appointed to serve in community.

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For 28 years, Community Foundation Boulder County has been a community catalyst, responding to immediate needs and anticipating future challenges. Through informed decision-making, we inspire ideas, ignite action, and mobilize resources to improve the quality of life for all. Advancing inclusivity and providing leadership and on key issues, the foundation collaborates with community-minded individuals and organizations that want to make a difference, accomplishing more together than we do alone. Since its founding in 1991, the foundation has granted more than \$82M to nonprofits focused on health and human services, education, civic engagement, arts and culture, and animals and the environment. commfound.org