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MEDIA RELEASE

Community Foundation Boulder County Announces New Trustees

Boulder County (May 26, 2020) – Effective immediately, four Boulder County leaders have joined the [Board of Trustees of Community Foundation Boulder County](#). The new additions include Brad Armstrong, Elliot Forsyth, Emily Mears, and Justin Perkins. The new trustees are committed to sharing their diverse expertise and capabilities to strengthen the work of the foundation as a countywide community catalyst. Sue Anderson is the board's new Chair; and Joshua Forman is the board's new Vice Chair. Other officers include Jeremy Wilson as Treasurer, and Rebecca Chávez as Secretary.

About the new Trustees:

Brad Armstrong

Originally from Midland, Texas, Brad has been involved in social justice philanthropy for more than 30 years, including nine years as a board member and grantmaking committee member of the Chinook Fund. He also founded and serves as executive director of the Bamboo Fund, which provides grants for social justice organizing and progressive infrastructure in metro Denver; and he's a founding member of the Philanthropic Community Organizing Collaborative, a cohort of progressive funders and other groups emphasizing disenfranchised and marginalized communities in Colorado. Additionally, Brad is president and general partner of a private investment firm focused on socially responsible and community development investment. Previously, he served on the boards of ProgressNow Colorado and Intercambio: Uniting Communities. Brad earned degrees from Stanford University (AB English) and Goddard College (MFA Fiction).

Elliot Forsyth

As a financial advisor and CFP® professional with Wells Fargo Advisors, Elliot maintains a consistent approach to investing, incorporating multidisciplinary planning; he believes in truly understanding his clients' passions, intentions, and objectives in order to build tailored strategies that will accomplish their life goals through a step-by-step process. Specifically, Elliot works with individuals and families to develop plans that build, manage, preserve, and transition their wealth. Additionally, he's committed to being involved in our community. Elliot serves on the Community Foundation's Investment Committee; he also serves on the board of Cultivate and supports Attention Homes.

Emily Mears

Emily is an executive director and shareholder at Crestone Capital, LLC, where she serves as a trusted advisor to entrepreneurs and executives, and works closely with clients to accomplish their unique financial and personal goals. Prior to joining Crestone in 2011, Emily held senior positions at two prominent global consulting firms that specialized in providing M&A and distressed asset advisory services to private equity firms, international financial firms, central banks, and Fortune 100 companies. Emily earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Miami University. She's a FINRA Registered Representative holding Series 7 and 66 licenses.

Justin Perkins

A Boulder native, Justin is founder of New Edge Advisors where he serves as an executive coach and strategic consultant, and launches new entrepreneurial ideas. New Edge Advisors specializes in helping high performers and impact-oriented organizations with deep shifts and leveraged growth strategies. Previously an organic farmer, Justin also worked in water resource management for the State of Colorado, wrote a book on decision-making for the Department of Defense, and went on to found OLOMOMO Nut Company – a local snack brand now owned by Bridge House, a Community Foundation grantee, as part of its Ready to Work program. Additionally, Justin served as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for Care2, the largest social network for good, helping nonprofits and mission-oriented companies connect with millions of consumers; clients and partners included Jane Goodall, Patagonia, Greenpeace, Human Rights Campaign, NRDC, So Delicious, and more than 100 other organizations. As an undergrad, Justin studied development and culture with the School for International Training in Brazil; in his early 20s, he initiated human rights and development projects in South Africa. He went on to earn an MBA at CU Denver.

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