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Community Foundation Boulder County and KGNU Community Radio Announce TRENDS Reporting Fellows

Boulder County (September 24, 2020) – Community Foundation Boulder County and KGNU Community Radio are pleased to announce the inaugural cohort and launch of the TRENDS Reporting Fellowship.

The fellowship is a collaborative, year-long training. It builds on the foundation’s work with its TRENDS Report on the social, economic and environmental health of the community by helping to prepare the local news and information ecosystem to cover more local, equity-oriented issues in-depth.

“Our goal for the fellowship is to support journalists, communications professionals and storytellers in honing their skills to produce stories that inform and inspire public attitudes about issues of pressing community-wide concern,” said Chris Barge, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for the Community Foundation, and director of the foundation’s TRENDS Report. “This aligns with the foundation’s vision to support a more equitable Boulder County.”

The 12 participants come from a range of personal backgrounds and professional disciplines. They will work to deepen their social and racial equity perspectives, as well as their level of community engagement through a solutions focus on their work.

Fellows will study the four pillars of solutions reporting developed by The New York Times, and as presented by the Solutions Journalism Network. The virtual learning opportunity will feature monthly workshops conducted by nationally recognized experts, including the Free Press News Voices program, which teaches community organizing techniques to help storytellers lift up under-represented voices. Denver-based Building Bridges will offer anti-oppression training.

The program will further equip participants to develop innovative reporting approaches and deepen relationships among journalists and community-based leaders, experts, and others.

This initiative to ignite a more representative and solutions-oriented focus throughout the local media landscape is funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

[Meet the 2020 TRENDS Reporting Fellows](#) and, for more information, please contact Gretchen Minekime: Gretchen@commfound.org or 720.565.3909.

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