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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Community Foundation Boulder County Announces New CEO, Tatiana Hernandez

**Boulder County (June 8, 2020)** – Community Foundation Boulder County has hired Tatiana Hernandez as its CEO, effective July 6, 2020. Tatiana will succeed Jeff Hirota who is retiring June 30, 2020, after three-and-a-half years with the foundation.

“The search committee has worked since January to identify someone who would passionately carry forward the foundation’s strategic plan and our vision and values. We unanimously selected Tatiana Hernandez who brings experience both in Boulder County and with national funders. She is committed to building strong communities, engaging everyone in philanthropy, and furthering equity in our community. Our board is looking forward to working with her in service to Boulder County,” said Sue Anderson, Board Chair and Co-chair of the Search Committee.

Tatiana Hernandez comes to Community Foundation Boulder County from her role as the President of Emily Griffith Foundation, where she is responsible for raising funds to support the students and programs of Emily Griffith Technical College. Previously, Tatiana served as a Senior Program Officer at the Kresge Foundation. In Boulder, she served as Arts Director for Hemera Foundation where, in partnership with the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and Colorado Creative Industries, she developed Arts in Society, Colorado’s largest private-public funding program for the arts. Tatiana began her philanthropic career at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, where she led the Knight Arts Challenge, supporting artists and arts organizations in eight cities. She oversaw a portfolio of over \$100 million in investments and distributed \$10 million annually.

Prior to philanthropy, Tatiana worked in the nonprofit sector on issues ranging from college access to climate change. Originally from Miami, Fla. and a native Spanish speaker, Tatiana has served on a variety of boards, including Grantmakers in the Arts. Locally, she serves as the co-chair for the Community Arts, Culture, Transformation and Science (ACTS) Fund Committee and was named a 40 under 40 honoree by the Denver Business Journal.

“I am deeply honored by this opportunity to serve Boulder County's residents,” shared Tatiana. “Thanks to Jeff's stellar leadership, this remarkable group of staff, board, donors, and partners are powerfully working to support our community's most vulnerable. Equity has been a core value of my career and I look forward to continuing to advance the foundation's mission for many years to come.”

“The Community Foundation is extraordinarily fortunate to welcome Tatiana as its new CEO. I’m personally thrilled at this great news for the future of the foundation and for all of Boulder County,” said Jeff Hirota.

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