Hello and welcome to this month's Round Up from Community Foundation Boulder County. In this edition:

**Our CEO** offers a message of hope, vigilance and appreciation;
**We welcome** Community Trust grant proposals for work in Health & Human Services and Civic Engagement;
**We announce** funding available for Community Healing through the Boulder County Crisis Fund;
**We share** photos and highlights from a recent field trip to a chicken farm and from a happy hour on our patio;
**We promote** a free counseling program for individuals impacted by COVID-19 or wildfires.

We invite donations in support of your Community Foundation;
We share news we've made this month you may have missed.

Plus, check out our TRENDS Diary for loads of fresh and intimate first-person postcards from Boulder County residents connecting and solving problems.

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**Hope, vigilance and appreciation as we reconvene**

Summertime is in full swing and with most of our community reopened, last year's time warp has turned into a slingshot into the future. With it comes renewed hope, continued vigilance, and, at least for me, a sincere appreciation for what happens when like-hearted people come together to support each other. Collectively, we continue to do the work of connecting donors to causes, of supporting our neighbors during tough times, and of weaving all our efforts into a cohesive fabric.

Shortly after my one-year anniversary this month, our team returned to office for the first time since the start of the pandemic. We moved furniture around, dusted off our desks, and cleaned out drawers. It's afforded us a chance to reconnect and reflect on all that we've experienced. Much has changed and yet our purpose stays the same – to support the needs of our community with integrity and responsiveness.

We are so grateful to the organizations and individuals who have shared their perspectives with us as we consider how best to support the changing needs of our community. If you have not had the chance to share your thoughts on our work, either through our CEP Donor Perception Survey or our Community Trust redesign process, please send us a note to info@commfound.org. We'd love to hear from you.

Please help us extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our team. Pam Stone joined us earlier this week as our new Communications Officer. Pam brings to us a wealth of experience in communications and graphic design. Pam will spearhead all communications efforts for the foundation. She can be reached at pam@commfound.org or you can say hello through our social media channels.

Next month we celebrate Chris Barge as he embarks on his new journey as the executive director of the Boulder Library Foundation. Chris has been an invaluable member of our family for over a decade, leading initiatives on school readiness, census outreach, racial equity and more. He has been the most recent force behind our TRENDS publication and its associated radio program and blog. If, like us, you’d like to shower him with well wishes and appreciation, please join us for a rousing, story-filled sendoff on Aug. 10 from 4 – 6 pm on the foundation’s patio. Chris’s first day at the Boulder Library Foundation is Aug. 23 and you can reach him at chris@boulderlibraryfoundation.org.

This year, we celebrate our 30th anniversary and hope you will continue to join us for events throughout the fall to remember all that we have built together and imagine all we can do together in the future.
Warmly,

Tatiana Hernandez, CEO

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**Funding opportunity open for Health & Human Services, Civic Engagement**

Organizations working in the areas of Health & Human Services and Civic Engagement are encouraged to apply for funding from the Community Trust. The request for proposals was released July 23, and the deadline to apply is Aug. 20.

*Please visit here for detailed information and to apply.*

The Community Trust is the permanent grantmaking fund of Community Foundation Boulder County that addresses needs throughout Boulder County. Community Foundation Boulder County centers equity in our grantmaking. Grant decisions are made in a process facilitated by Community Foundation staff, advised by Boulder County volunteer reviewers, and approved by Community Foundation Boulder County leadership.

**CT2: Health & Human Services; Civic Engagement**

Opens: 7/23/2021 at 9:00am
Deadline: 8/20/21 by 5:00pm
Grant Announcements: Third week of October

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**Crisis Fund welcomes applications for grants for community healing from Boulder supermarket shooting**

Community Foundation Boulder County invites individuals and groups to apply for the first open funding opportunity from the [Boulder County Crisis Fund](#), created to respond to the mass shooting in March at the Table Mesa King Soopers.

The foundation has made $100K available to address community healing in South Boulder. These funds are intended to help people connect, remember, reflect, take care of one another, and find meaning in the current reality. The foundation's Request for Proposals invites ideas for community healing events, projects, programs, classes, and services in South Boulder to be implemented between July 1 and December 30, 2021.

"The Boulder community continues to come together in moving ways, to rebuild a sense of security and community in the wake of this event," said Tatiana Hernandez, CEO of Community Foundation Boulder County. "We hope this funding will inspire and support grassroots ideas that reinforce that we are Boulder Strong."

Only one grant will be made per applicant, with a maximum grant size of $10K. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis, until they are depleted. To learn more about this funding opportunity and to apply, visit [https://www.commfound.org/grants/get-grant/crisis-fund/request-proposals](https://www.commfound.org/grants/get-grant/crisis-fund/request-proposals).

Community Foundation Boulder County established the Boulder County Crisis Fund in the wake of the shooting, to support the victims, their families, and our entire community in dealing with and processing the heartbreaking event.

More than 11K individuals have donated nearly $1.6 million to the fund. The foundation in June granted $500K to support the families of the 10 people killed.

The Community Foundation constituted an advisory committee to provide guidance on the use of funds and to provide input on the funding opportunity. The committee includes community members, residents, and leaders from the Boulder County community.
grant recommendations to its board. The committee recommended this initial grant, and the Community Foundation’s board approved the recommendation.

The advisory committee is composed of the following community leaders:

Kathleen Collins (KC) Becker, former Speaker, CO House of Representatives
Violeta Chapin, Professor of Law, University of Colorado Boulder
Dana Derichsweiler, Co-Owner, Walnut Cafe
Nancy Feldman, Victims Advocate
Richard Garcia, Member, Board of Education, Boulder Valley School District
Elizabeth (Betsy) Hall, Associate Dean & Professor, Regis University
Annett James, President, NAACP of Boulder County
Robert (Bob) Lawhead, Policy Advisor, Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council
Pedro Silva, Associate Minister, First Congregational UCC Boulder
Marc Soloway, Rabbi, Bonai Shalom
Gwyneth Whalen, former Judge, 20th Judicial District of Colorado

Coming together, at last! Photos from a happy hour and a site visit to a chicken farm

It was wonderful to connect in person at two Community Foundation events in July.

Many of the professional advisors we work with to assist their clients in philanthropy joined us for a happy hour on our patio.

And our Environmental Affinity Group took a field trip to Walt Pounds’ Fair Farm in Longmont to learn about regenerative agriculture.

Here are a few photos from those gatherings.
Crisis Counseling available for Boulder County residents

There have been many traumatic and stressful events in Boulder County over the last year. In response to the wildfires and the COVID-19 pandemic, Jewish Family Service and Community Foundation Boulder County have partnered to offer counseling services to Boulder County residents.

The program offers up to $500 toward five individual counseling sessions (a maximum of $100 per session), or up to $875 toward five family counseling sessions (a maximum of $175 per session) and provides a pool of licensed, approved providers from which to choose.

Individuals that have experienced any of these events may be at increased risk for mental health concerns such as depression, anxiety, and PTSD. If you or someone you know in Boulder County could benefit from counseling sessions, visit https://www.jewishfamilyservice.org/wmhp.

Thank YOU for helping us help our community

Now, please give to support your Community Foundation

Do you remember the “before times?” It finally feels a little bit like those days again, doesn’t it? Boulder County’s vaccine rate is over 70%. Businesses and restaurants are cranking back up. Public events are starting to happen again.

We all recognize the pandemic is far from over. Much healing remains also for those impacted by the supermarket shooting in south Boulder, and by the wildfires in our mountains last fall. These events have wrought injuries on our neighbors and our forests that will take a long time to heal.
But for the moment, for many of us, things feel a little lighter. We’re connecting in person. Seeing one another’s faces again.

We want to pause a moment to thank you for joining us over the past 16 months to come to the aid of one another.

Your Community Foundation has been here for you and your neighbors, through all of this. We’ll be here in the future. Through thick and thin, we were built for this work.

Please consider supporting the general operations of your Community Foundation. We have worked hard behind the scenes to ensure the success of these responsive funds, in addition to everything else we do every day to build a more equitable Boulder County.

Please give today, so that we may continue to respond to our community’s most pressing needs, now and in the future.

Thank you for all you do.

Donate today

In Case You Missed It

Here are some of this month's headlines from your Community Foundation and other local news outlets.

Daily Camera: Grant pool for community events to heal from Boulder King Soopers shooting opened.
Fox 31 News: Funding available for healing events, projects after Boulder King Soopers shooting.
KGNU's "A Public Affair": What wildfires can teach us
TRENDS Diary: Miss Shirley’s “Drag Queen Storytime” celebrates, encourages inclusion and diversity
TRENDS Diary: High school grad pursues passion for gaming
TRENDS Diary: Making theatre matter, in service to all

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