

Round Up

April 2021

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

- We share** stories about the long road to recovery from last month's tragedy in Boulder;
- We update** you on the community leaders appointed to advise the Boulder County Crisis Fund;
- We welcome** new trustees and staff and bid farewell to those who are moving on;
- We invite** applications to our open position of Philanthropic Services Associate;
- We announce** fresh grants from Open Door Fund and 15 Forever;
- We share** the latest [TRENDS Podcast](#), [TRENDS Diary](#), and other news you may have missed.

Plus, mark your calendars and [register here](#) for a May 11 virtual legislative briefing with state legislators and policy experts on environmental bills currently under consideration, brought to you by the Community Foundation's Environmental Affinity Group.

And join us for a [TRENDS Dialogue](#) on May 13 to discuss how themes of race and class in the book ["Evicted"](#) play out locally with housing. Julie Van Domelin, Executive Director of Emergency Family Assistance Association, will moderate.



The long road to healing from a supermarket shooting

Front line advocates share stories of trauma and how those most impacted are coping

She recalled a room full of grief-stricken police officers. He told of a survivor who comes to the Boulder Strong resource center every day at lunch to pet a therapy dog. On this month's ["A Public Affair"](#) on KGNU, Community Foundation Trustee Jim Williams interviewed two of the community leaders closest to the recovery response from last month's grocery store shooting in Boulder.

"In all the work I've ever done, I have never been in a room with so much pain," said Nancy Lewis, who drove to Boulder prior to the public announcement that 10 people had been killed in the shooting, and that Boulder Police Officer Eric Talley was among them. She held the door open for a busload of law enforcement officers. "Nobody had to tell me that they lost an officer. It was so apparent, what these officers were going through."

The victims' families' losses are the greatest, but those who were in the store and in the parking lot will also carry the experience with them for their whole lives, she said. And everyone in the community will remember it, because everyone can relate to the simple act of grocery shopping. Too many of us will now make a mental note of the exits as we enter our grocery stores.

Nancy is Executive Director of [Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance](#). Her organization and its member agencies have been tending to those impacted, in partnership with many other organizations.

"The partnerships are really broad and amazing," said Kevin Braney, Director of Employee Engagement and Training at [Mental Health Partners](#).

Kevin told of one of the survivors, who was having a sandwich in the cafe of the King Soopers at the time of the shooting. The man has quite naturally struggled, and has shown up at the [Boulder Strong Resource Center](#) frequently, at first to pet the therapy dogs, and later to draw on other support. The man, like so many others, has gradually come to a much better place, because of the support he's received from the community.

"You don't recover from trauma," Kevin said. "You learn to live with it. You learn to heal from it, and you learn to move forward, one step at a time."

[Listen to the full episode](#) to understand more from Nancy and Kevin about our community's long road to healing. And tune in to KGNU 88.5 FM every fourth Monday of the month, when your Community Foundation hosts "A Public Affair".

Local advisors named to Boulder County Crisis Fund

More than 10K donors have contributed more than \$1.5M to support those impacted by the shooting

The Community Foundation has constituted a Boulder County Crisis Fund advisory committee to provide guidance on the use of funds and to provide grant recommendations to the board. CEO Tatiana Hernandez announced the advisors this week in the following video update:



The 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

Donors have responded in droves to The Community Foundation's Boulder County Crisis Fund since it opened the day after the supermarket shooting. More than 10K donors have already contributed more than \$1.5 million to the fund as of April 29.

The Boulder County Crisis Fund will support victims, their families, and our community in dealing with and processing these devastating events, in partnership with the Colorado Healing Fund. [Click here](#) to learn more and to donate to the Crisis Fund.

Community Foundation welcomes new trustees, staff

We also bid a fond farewell to a staff member and a longtime communications contractor

A tax attorney, a business coach, a higher education administrator, and a retired philanthropic foundation executive have joined the Board of Trustees of your community foundation in order to help strengthen our work building a more equitable Boulder County.

"This is a strong and diverse incoming class of trustees," said Board Chair Sue Anderson. "We are excited to welcome them and are grateful for their enthusiasm to serve our community. We know that their talents and experience will

benefit CFBC and Boulder County."



Our new trustees, pictured above (L-R):

Tax attorney **J.M. Scott Beard, Jr., J.D., LL.M.** is a tax attorney with over thirty years of experience in trust and estate planning/administration, closely held business, business succession, and charitable giving legal services. He is an alumnus of the CFBC Leadership Fellows Program, a "nerdy consumer" of the Community Foundation's TRENDS data, and a supporter of the Open Door Fund.

Carey Mason provides individualized business coaching to CEOs and business owners. He also offers business consulting services focused upon employee engagement, sales process/management, strategic planning, diversity, equity and inclusion training.

Fernando R. Guzman III, Ph.D., is Chicano/Yaqui Indian and a first-generation college graduate. He has a doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Denver, a master's degree in Counseling from California State University, Sacramento, and has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Santa Clara University. Currently, he is the Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusive Excellence at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, Colorado.

Julie Rogers served for 30 years as the president and CEO of The Meyer Foundation, which supports organizations and projects that empower communities to achieve a racially and economically just Greater Washington, D.C. area. She has continued to share her philanthropic and civic engagement expertise through her consulting services and volunteer activities since retiring and moving to Colorado in 2014.

Additionally, the Foundation has approved two new officers. **Sue Anderson** remains the Board's Chair. **Brad Armstrong** is the Board's new Vice Chair. **Jeremy Wilson** continues as Treasurer; and **Jim Williams** joins the executive committee as Secretary. Read more about our new and current Board of Trustees [here](#).



On the staff level, we welcome **Travis Peterson** (pictured at left), who has joined the Community Foundation as Grants Administrator. In this role, he supports multiple teams by analyzing data and generating various reports for foundation initiatives. Previously, he worked with Denver Public Schools at Emily Griffith Technical College, focusing on budgeting, forecasting, back-office accounting and process improvement. His background includes financial services, education, retail and volunteer work. Travis earned a Master's in Finance from University of North Texas and a Bachelor's in Management from Texas Tech University. He moved to Colorado in 2014 and plans to continue making a home

in this beautiful state. Welcome, Travis!

We are happy/sad to write that **Brooke Kahl** is moving to Cleveland to be the Project Manager for foodNest 2.0 at the Swetland Center for Environmental Health, Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. We are grateful to Brooke for offering such an array of skills, smarts and compassion to the work of the Foundation as Philanthropic Services Associate these past two years.

Also in the happy/sad category, **Sabine Kortals**, who has helped the Foundation with communications on a contract basis for seven years, is now the Director of Communications at the University of Colorado's School of Music. We'll miss Sabine and her work.

Community Foundation seeks Philanthropic Services Associate

Do you want to join a team of passionate people dedicated to building a more equitable Boulder County?

Community Foundation Boulder County seeks a **Philanthropic Services Associate** who sees philanthropy as a vehicle for community engagement and empowerment. The new hire will report to the Vice President of Philanthropic Services and will take responsibility for supporting development and fundraising both logistically and strategically.



Applications should be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021.



New Grants support LGBTQ+ causes, food insecurity and gender-based violence prevention

Open Door Fund and 15 Forever announce awards

Community Foundation Boulder County's Open Door Fund and 15 Forever advisory committees have announced annual grant awards in support of LGBTQ+ causes, food insecurity, and gender-based violence prevention. The Open Door Fund announced a total of \$52,354 in grants to 12

organizations.

"After a year of isolation, which can be doubly hard on the LGBTQ+ community, the Open Door Fund Committee prioritized organizations that focused on mental health," said Mark Stevens, who facilitated the committee's work. "They were excited to provide grants for organizations providing a wide range of support from the simple – group dance and dance instruction – to the complex issues of homelessness and abuse."

The Open Door Fund enhances the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) people in Boulder County. The permanent endowment aims to support the strengths and needs of this population in three ways: by building community, by facilitating collaboration and dialogue between our LGBTQ+ community and the county, and through fundraising and grantmaking.

This year's Open Door grants went to:

Out Boulder County, general operating support ... \$10,521
Boulder County AIDS Project, support for the Atlas program ... \$7,800
Boulder Valley Women's Health Center, support for LGBTQ+ inclusive subsidized health programs ... \$5,000
Aging Services Foundation, support for the Rainbow Elders program and Project Visibility trainings ... \$5,349
TGTHR (formerly Attention Homes), support for the LGBTQ+ Runaway and Homeless Youth Program ... \$3,658
Medicine Horse Program, support for the Young Adult LGBTQ group ... \$3,150
The Women's Wilderness Institute, support for Queer Youth Wilderness Project ... \$2,100
Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley, Teen Ending Relationship Abuse for LGBTQ Youth ... \$1,134
Transgender Youth Education and Support (TYES), general operating support ... \$2,000
Dancin' Divas, general operating support ... \$1,242
Boulder County Public Health, support for OASOS program ... \$5,200
Queer Asterisk, general operating support ... \$5,200

This year's 15 Forever Youth Advisory Committee announced three grants to three agencies, totaling \$10,030. The committee chose to focus their grants on food insecurity after determining this often unnoticed dynamic plays a big role in the lives of youth. They chose gender-based violence education after identifying a need for greater understanding of how to recognize the root causes and signs of this violence, how to intervene, and how to find help.

"It was a great experience," said Youth Advisory Committee member Annika Aumentado, a 15-year-old Freshman at Boulder's Fairview High School. "This is an important lesson that's learned, to see how money is raised and what sort of an impact it can have."

15 Forever was established by your Community Foundation in 2006 to promote civic engagement, philanthropy, and leadership among Boulder County youth. Since then, this youth-driven program has granted more than \$200K.

Today, 15 Forever is a collaboration with YouthRoots, a national youth philanthropy organization that teaches high school students how to make the world a better place, while developing their leadership and life skills.

Palpasha Karki, a 16-year-old Junior at Peak to Peak Charter School in Lafayette, called the experience very fulfilling, even though it was entirely online due to the pandemic. "It's really an opportunity for youth - and high schoolers, especially - to make real, physical change," she said.

This year's 15 Forever grants went to:

Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence, support for gender-based violence prevention for LGBTQ+ youth ... \$3,500

Boulder Valley School District, support for COVID-19 emergency food distribution program ... \$3,350

Colorado FriendShip, support for IncrEdibles ... \$3,180

In Case You Missed It

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

TRENDS Podcast: [Gun Violence - An Epidemic on Our Youth's Shoulders](#)

TRENDS Diary: [Local advocate liberates isolated residents with transit solutions](#)

TRENDS Diary: [Boulder COVID epidemiologist thinks globally, acts locally](#)

In the News: [New community foundation memorial fund for shooting victim Jody Waters will benefit dogs](#)

9News: [Word of Thanks campaign raises \\$296K for Crisis Fund](#)

Arab News: [Arab, Muslim community expresses sympathy with Colorado shooting victims](#)

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