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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOULDER COUNTY ANNOUNCES \$515,000 IN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND STUDENTS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE MARSHALL AND MIDDLE FORK FIRES

Boulder County – Community Foundation Boulder County has disbursed \$515,000 in two grants to Impact on Education and Jewish Family Service for mental health support services to those directly and indirectly affected by the recent wildfires. The grant to Impact on Education will ensure additional behavioral health advocates are available at the most fire-affected schools in the Boulder Valley School District. The grant to Boulder Jewish Family Services will provide crisis counseling to anyone who needs it in individual and group settings, with trauma-informed practices.

“It's been five weeks since fires broke out in our community. While our vision to rebuild remains steadfast, there are many steps that we need to take together before we can get there. These five weeks have felt like five years and as the reality of the timeline becomes clearer, some may be struggling to maintain the energy and strength needed to continue to move forward,” said Tatiana Hernandez, CEO of Community Foundation Boulder County.

To date, the Community Foundation has distributed \$7,665,000 or 28% from over \$27 million raised by the Wildfire Fund. All grants from the Wildfire Fund are made with the careful guidance of our advisory committee. A breakdown of the Wildfire Fund's grants as of today:

- \$265,000 to Impact on Education to ensure adequate mental health advocates at the most fire-affected schools in the Boulder Valley School District
- \$250,000 to Boulder Jewish Family Services to provide crisis counseling to anyone who needs it in individual and group settings, with trauma-informed practices
- \$5.5 million in direct financial assistance to households that were damaged or destroyed

- \$1.5 million in direct financial assistance to workers that lost wages or livelihood equipment
- \$150,000 to United Policyholders for insurance policy navigation

Boulder County community members impacted by the Marshall Fire and Middle Fork fires can visit Boulder County's resource page at boco.org/MarshallFireAssistance to access a range of services including: property loss and filing claims for assistance, financial and food assistance, mental health support, transportation, and more.

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