The Community Foundation
BOULDER COUNTY

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Community Foundation seeks teens to help give away money
15 Forever Program empowers youth

The Community Foundation seeks a select group of outstanding Boulder County teenagers who want to make a positive difference in their community for its 15 Forever Program. The program focuses on youth civic engagement, leadership, and grantmaking. The selected Youth Leaders will direct $15,000 to nonprofit programs focused on the youth of Boulder County.

15 Forever Youth Leaders will:

- Gain direct volunteer and philanthropic experience in the community
- Partner with students from different schools to make a difference
- Develop leadership skills
- Learn about youth needs and assets in your community
- Make decisions about grants for youth projects
- Work with community members and show them that youth are a community resource
- Increase your opportunities for personal growth
- Have fun

15 Forever Youth Leaders must:

- Be 15 to 18 years old
- Be a Boulder County resident
- Have a desire to make a positive impact
- Commit at least one year of your time and attend regularly scheduled meetings
    - 5 regular meetings per semester
    - One full-day retreat in September
    - Occasional sub-committee meetings after school and/or on weekends
- Have a willingness to work collectively and be open to learning
- **Previous leadership experience not required**

Applications are due Friday, August 1, 2011. They can be found at
http://www.commfound.org/communityleadership/15forever/

"15 Forever greatly expanded my knowledge about the range of non-profit organizations that are making significant contributions to better the community," said Kaiti Williamson, a 15 Forever Youth Leader and incoming Fairview High School Senior who will chair 15 Forever this coming year. "It has been an amazing experience to work with other students in Boulder County that are so passionate about improving the community they live in, and I am so excited to return next year to experience it all over again!"

This Year's Grantees (Grants awarded in April, 2011)…

Attention Homes … $2,500 for its Adolescent Residential Care Program
Blue Sky Bridge … $1,500 for forensic and investigative services to abused children and their families
Boulder Institute for Psychotherapy … $1,000 for new technology to support the Therapeutic Preschool and Zero-to-Five Early Childhood Programs
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art … $3,000 to support three, 10-week sessions of contemporary art education classes at Boulder Valley School District's Justice High School
Community Action Development Corporation … $3,000 to support the "Catching Your Future College and Resource Fair", which aims to support low income and marginalized students in Saint Vrain Valley School District
OUT Boulder … $1,000 for OUT Boulder's youth 'zine, to be a resource and forum for Boulder County's GLBTQA youth
Whittier International Elementary School … $3,000 for the school library to purchase Spanish language books, magazines, and literacy materials

About the 15 Forever Fund
The 15 Forever Fund was established in 2006 as a permanent endowment to celebrate The Community Foundation's 15th anniversary. The Fund addresses the needs and concerns of Boulder County youth from a youth perspective. Each year, fifteen teens decide how to grant $15,000 to programs focused on the youth of Boulder County.

Purpose of The Community Foundation
Now in its 20th year, The Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. We are committed to intimately understanding needs and connecting to the nonprofits that address those needs. Together, Boulder County residents and The Community Foundation can make a meaningful impact on our fellow residents' quality of life today and in the future. To learn more, please visit www.commfound.org or call 303-442-0436.

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