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BOULDER COUNTY

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Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund Grants in the Mail

Boulder County (December 1, 2010) – The Community Foundation announced today that more than $737,000 will be granted to individuals, families, community organizations, and fire departments directly affected by September's Fourmile Canyon Fire.

The all-volunteer Advisory Committee to The Community Foundation's Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund finalized their funding recommendations, to support intermediate needs of local mountain residents after the Fourmile Canyon Fire. Individuals and families (i.e., residing owners, renters, and property owners) will receive just over $444,000, community organizations will be granted $17,000, and fire departments will receive $275,848.

Two hundred applications requesting assistance were submitted representing $3,651,421. Names were redacted on the applications to protect privacy. The affected fire departments collaborated and submitted one proposal requesting support.

The nine-member Advisory Committee reviewed each of the 200 applications. The process was completed over three weeks and nearly 400 hours of cumulative time.

The Community Foundation is committed to respecting the privacy of applicants and will not be releasing details about fund recipients.

"No amount of money can replace the losses people feel, but we want those affected to know what an outpouring of support from Boulder County, Colorado, and beyond the Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund has had. The spirit of the mountains is clearly felt by many," said Josie Heath, President of The Community Foundation. "We also know this isn't over…people are still feeling the hardships of what happened, and we want them to know we care about them and their healing."

Donations to the Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund are still being accepted, and as of November 23rd any donations into the fund will support affected fire districts, based on a formula the collaborating districts presented in their application.

More than 1,000 donors contributed to the Fund, including individuals, local businesses, and private foundations. The Fourmile Canyon Revival, produced by KBCO and AEG, raised $355,000 of the total amount to be distributed.

How to Donate to the Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund:
To donate online, visit http://www.commfound.org , click "Donate Now," and be sure to designate your gift to the "Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund."

Or write a check to "Boulder Mountain Fire Relief Fund" and mail it to: The Community Foundation, 1123 Spruce St., Boulder, CO 80302.
For more information, or to make a gift involving a stock or wire transfer, please call us at 303-442-0436.

Purpose of The Community Foundation

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. The Foundation is the place where giving is informed and inspired to have the greatest impact on the vision of a better Boulder County. To learn more or make a gift, please visit www.commfound.org or call 303-442-0436.

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