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MEDIA RELEASE

Community Foundation Boulder County announces new CEO, Jeff Hirota

Boulder (November 30, 2016) – The Community Foundation Boulder County has hired Jeff Hirota as its CEO, effective January 9, 2017. Jeff will succeed Josie Heath who is retiring January 2017, after 21 years of faithful service.

"The search committee's work was thorough, engaging, and smooth over the entire year-long process. Every step of the way we engaged in deep conversation about how to attract the right candidates given our strategic priorities, and ended with the very clear and unanimous choice of Jeff Hirota," Helen Gemmill, Community Foundation Boulder County Search Committee Co-Chair and former Trustee.

Jeff has been the Vice President of Programs for The Denver Foundation since 2006, where he directs all programs and discretionary grantmaking. With The Denver Foundation since 2003, Jeff plays an integral role in the foundation's fundraising and donor stewardship efforts. Prior to his work at The Denver Foundation Jeff was the Director of Brand Development for ABC affiliate, Denver's 7, and the Executive Director of the Five Points Media Center, a community media center serving women, people of color, and the economically disadvantaged. Jeff worked in radio, television, and feature film production in Nashville, Boston, and Los Angeles and was an independent documentary producer whose work included projects in Nicaragua and Ethiopia. He is also an ordained United Methodist pastor appointed to serve in community.

"I'm delighted to have Jeff join us as the new CEO of the Community Foundation. He is an authentic and caring leader who will bring depth of experience and strong understanding of community foundation best practices. In everything, Jeff's approach is to seek collaborative, sustainable solutions, and his passion for service is clear," said David Brantz, Chair, Community Foundation Boulder County Board of Trustees.

"I'm grateful to Josie and the stellar board and staff of the Community Foundation Boulder County for this extraordinary opportunity to serve Boulder County," shared Jeff.

"I feel great confidence passing the baton to Jeff. I know he, along with the foundation's hardworking board, donors, staff, and nonprofit partners, will accomplish important things for this community. And, I know everyone will step up to support Jeff and the foundation through this transition," said Josie Heath, President, Community Foundation Boulder County.

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For 25 years, the Community Foundation Boulder County has been a community catalyst, responding to immediate needs and anticipating future challenges. Through informed decision-making, we inspire ideas, ignite action and mobilize resources to improve the quality of life for all. Advancing inclusivity and providing leadership and on key issues, the foundation collaborates with community-minded individuals and organizations that want to make a difference, accomplishing more together than we do alone. Since its founding in 1991, the foundation has granted $68M to nonprofits focused on health and human services, basic needs, children and youth, education, civic engagement, arts and culture, and animals and the environment. *commfound.org/news-media*

Jeff Hirota, New CEO Community Foundation Boulder County

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