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The Community Foundation announces Veterans Fund grantees

Grants will support veterans and their families across Boulder County

Boulder (November 10, 2016) – The Community Foundation Boulder County has announced the first grantees of its inaugural Veterans Fund grant cycle.

"We recognize the opportunity in our community to support the strengths and meet the needs of veterans and their families," says Elvira Ramos, Vice President of Programs and Inclusive Leadership at the Community Foundation. "In response, we established a permanent endowment of the Community Foundation to raise money and distribute grants for programs that build a veterans community, foster education about veteran issues, facilitate dialogue between veterans and the broader community, and provide a source of support for organizations serving the veteran community."

Specifically, these four local nonprofits will apply grant monies to enhance the lives of Boulder County veterans and their families as follows:

1. **Bridge House** ($1K)
   Supporting a veterans resource center, including direct financial assistance services (e.g., housing, healthcare, employment, etc).
2. **Boulder County CareConnect** ($1.7K)
   Providing veteran clients with transportation to VA appointments by connecting young veteran volunteers with older veterans.
3. **Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement** ($500)
   General operating support for a range of veteran-serving programs, including a street outreach team, an evening drop-in center, emergency medical and/or respite convalescent care, and other emergency assistance.
4. **Veterans Writing Project** ($500)
   An effort to bring isolated veterans together to share and express their experiences.

The grant process was driven by a volunteer advisory committee, similar to the foundation's other competitive grant cycles. For more information about the Community Foundation's Veterans Fund, or to schedule interviews with any of its grantees, please contact Gretchen Minekime, Vice President of Communications, at Gretchen@commfound.org or 303.442.0436 x107.

The Community Foundation Boulder County

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.

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