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Community Foundation and Boulder Chamber Announce 2018-19 Leadership Fellows

Boulder County (October 3, 2018) – The 2018-2019 class of Leadership Fellows Boulder County – a joint initiative of Community Foundation Boulder County and the Boulder Chamber – is underway, engaging 41 participants from across sectors in robust dialogue on Boulder County's economic, civic, and cultural drivers.

"The Leadership Fellows program is one of the primary ways in which we embody our vision of equity in our community," says Jeff Hirota, CEO of the Community Foundation. "We offer emerging leaders a deep appreciation for the social, environmental, and economic interests of Boulder County."

Specifically, the Community Foundation and Boulder Chamber bring together leaders and experts across sectors to build networks and advance inclusivity countywide. The 11-month curriculum, which kicked off on Sept. 18, includes topics such as business and the local economy, collaboration, critical human needs, education funding and systems, Government 101 and roundtable discussions on a range of timely issues – from affordable housing to immigration, criminal justice and the arts. Each session integrates a lens of inclusive and transformational leadership.

"Leadership Fellows reflects the Boulder Chamber's dedication to building a stronger community through a balance of diverse perspectives and transformational leaders," says John Tayer, President and CEO of the Boulder Chamber. "We are proud of our partnership with the Community Foundation in this leadership development endeavor, and we're very excited to welcome this group of outstanding individuals to the 2019 class of Leadership Fellows."

Graduates of the program commit to taking on local leadership roles within six months of completing the program. Indeed, since Leadership Fellows Boulder County launched in 2009, respondents to a recent survey showed that 81% of Fellows have joined a nonprofit board; 26% have joined a government board or commission; 13% have worked on a local campaign for a candidate or issue; and 32% of participants have been offered a career promotion within a year of graduation.

The current class of Fellows comprises a diversity of backgrounds, professional experiences, and affiliations:

- Don Archibald, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- Scott Beard, Scott Beard Law, LLC
- Bryan Beary, City of Boulder Parks and Recreation
- Sydney Bergen, Realities for Children Boulder County
- Rachel Bigby, CU Boulder, Masters of the Environment Graduate Program
- Elizabeth Borrego, Community Justice Services
- Kelly Brown, Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship
- Kyle Brown, Office of Governor John Hickenlooper
- Elena Ciaravino, Imagine!
- Chris DeLong, Bridgerock Capital
- Katie DePoy, Voices for Children CASA
- Jennifer Diaz-Leon, City of Longmont
- Tyler Ekx, Boulder Chamber
- M Essa, Chef Ann Foundation
- Sara Fardi, Instructor
- Brian Frey, MAPRagency
- Kaylin Gray, Research psychologist, grantmaker, impact investor
- Merix Gustin, Plan Ahead Events Boulder
- Sam Hall, Boulder Journey School
- Pablo Hester, Clinica Family Health Services
- Bhola Katuwal, First Bank
- Magnolia Landa Posas, Just Transition Collaborative
- Christina Lui, Community Volunteer
- Michael McHale, TRU Community Care
- Sepideh Miller, ESL Tutor
- Marissa Miller, Downtown Boulder Partnership
- Kim Mitchell, Town of Lyons
- Kevin Murray, RE/MAX Alliance
- Lauren Nygren, Premier Mortgage Group
- Brittany Parsons, Association for Community Living
- Shawn Rae Passalacqua, SRP Consulting Services
- KrishnaPattisapu, University of Colorado-Boulder
- Regina Reyes-Zaragoza, Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
- Irma Robles Cortes, Community Member
- Angel Sanchez, Front Range Community College
- Micah Shagoury, KBI Biopharma
- Nami Thompson, Self-employed writer, developer, and facilitator
- Erik Thomson, Zayo Group
- Sarah van der Hoop, Exxel Outdoors
- John Henry Vansant, Caraveo for Colorado
- Mindi Weik, Kalinski Team

For more information about Leadership Fellows Boulder County, or to schedule interviews with any of its participants, presenters or organizers, please contact Gretchen Minekime, Vice President of Communications, at Gretchen@commfound.org or 303.442.0436 x107.

About Community Foundation Boulder County

For 27 years, 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 more than $82M to nonprofits focused on health and human services, education, civic engagement, arts and culture, and animals and the environment. *commfound.org/news-media*

About the Boulder Chamber

The nonprofit Boulder Chamber is the region's flagship business advocacy and support organization. With more than 110 years of dedicated service to our members and the Boulder community, the Boulder Chamber's innovative programs help local businesses succeed while sustaining an economy that preserves Boulder's high quality of life, including its environmental and cultural assets. Together with its member businesses, the Boulder Chamber is building a smarter, more vibrant economy – sustaining Boulder's position as a global capital of innovation and a thriving center of economic vitality. For more information, visit *boulderchamber.com.*

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