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Community Foundation and Boulder Chamber Announce 2019-2020 Class of Leadership Fellows Boulder County

October 23, 2019 – The 2019-2020 class of Leadership Fellows Boulder County – a joint leadership development and networking program of Community Foundation Boulder County and the Boulder Chamber – is underway, engaging 32 participants from across sectors in robust dialogue.

"Through Leadership Fellows, we're advancing our vision of community-wide equity," says Jeff Hirota, CEO of the Community Foundation. "As described in our recently published TRENDS Report, Boulder County is a diverse community which is growing ever more diverse. At the same time, our elected officials and other leaders don't yet represent the full diversity of our community. Leadership Fellows offers emerging local leaders a broad-based overview of Boulder County's economic, civic, and cultural drivers."

Curriculum topics of the 11-month program include, among others, Boulder County economics, Local Government 101, inclusive leadership, planning and development, critical human needs, health, education, and the arts and culture. Roundtable discussions explore a range of timely issues, and provide Fellows the opportunity to engage in conversations with current Boulder County leaders.

Adds John Tayer, President and CEO of the Boulder Chamber, "We're proud to partner with the Community Foundation to ensure a stronger community through the integration of diverse perspectives. Leadership Fellows builds an inclusive network of relationships among Boulder County's future leaders so the solutions to community challenges they champion reflect the full spectrum of needs and interests."

Indeed, 81% of Leadership Fellows alumni have gone on to join 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% have landed career promotions within a year of graduation.

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

Nadia Ali, Clinica Family Health
Ana Arias, Coal Creek Meals on Wheels
Brandon Badillo, The Riverside
Erica Blake, Colorado Capital Management
Magdalena Boone, The Federal Savings Bank
Cal Brackin, On Board Innovations
Ingrid Castro-Campos, Boulder Housing Partners
Cate Cook, Boulder Chamber
Amirah Counts, Disabled veteran
Hayden Dansky, Boulder Food Rescue
Guillermo Estrada-Rivera, Boulder County Office of Resilience and Recovery
Claudia Fernandez, “I Have A Dream” Foundation of Boulder County
Berenice Garcia Tellez, City of Longmont Environmental Services
Laura Gonzalez, University of Colorado
Maria Gordillo, Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County
Melissa Green, Boulder Bridge House
Aparna Harris, Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence
Amy Helling, Cornerstone Church
Erica Joos, Boulder Valley School District
Yvette Larrea, Workforce Boulder County
William Lokonobei, Boulder Valley School District
Rob London, MidFirst Bank
Jessie Michaud, Imagine!
Tim O'Shea, Engage Colorado
Philip Ogren, Oracle America, Inc.
Harris Rollinger, Entrepreneurship for All (EforAll)
Frances Ryder, Emergency Family Assistance Association
Julie Schoenfeld, Attorney
Mackenzie Sehlke, Boulder County Housing and Human Services
Jonathan Tewksbury, Alpine Bank
Adrianne Tracy, Citywide Banks
Sarah Wiebenson, City of Boulder Community Vitality

For more information about Leadership Fellows Boulder County, or to schedule interviews with any of its participants, presenters or organizers, please contact Elvira Ramos, Co-Director of Leadership Fellows, at Elvira@commfound.org or 303.442.0436.

Community Foundation Boulder County

For 28 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

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 its 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. boulderchamber.com

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