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The Community Foundation's BRAVO Fund grants $3.5K

Four local nonprofits funded to improve the quality of life for Latinos in Boulder County

Boulder (June 29, 2016) – The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County today announced $3.5K in BRAVO Fund grants to the Boulder County Fair, Cal-Wood Education Center, Intercambio Uniting Communities, and Variety Arts of Louisville dba The Art Underground.

"Latinos make up 13% of our county's residents," says Elvira Ramos, Program Director, The Community Foundation. "According to our most recent TRENDS Report, Latinos are the largest and fastest growing ethnic group in Boulder County. But changing census numbers aren't reflected in our networks and institutions.

"As a result, most issues we face – from access to education and affordable housing to well-paying jobs – have a greater impact on Latinos than non-Latinos."

In response, The Community Foundation's BRAVO Fund aims to improve the quality of life for Boulder County Latinos through philanthropy that builds resiliency and ensures inclusivity. "BRAVO is a way to cultivate support for and within our Latino community," explains Ramos. "This year, our funding focus is projects that directly impact civic, educational and cultural aspects of the Latino community."

Current BRAVO Fund grantees, grant amounts and project descriptions include:

- **Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo**
  $1,000 to support the Mexican Rodeo and Bull Riding event at the 2016 Boulder County Fair.
- **Cal-Wood Education Center**
  $1,000 to support Latino Family Camp.
- **Intercambio Uniting Communities**
  $600 to provide childcare for immigrant parents who are learning English.
- **Variety Arts of Louisville dba The Art Underground**
  $900 to provide scholarships for education programs for low-income Hispanic youth.

BRAVO is an endowed fund of The Community Foundation, i.e., a permanent resource for Latino communities in Boulder County. To support the BRAVO Fund, visit *commfound.givecorps.com/projects/2504-around-boulder-county-bravo-fund*. For the Boulder County TRENDS Report – including a closer look at countywide trends in education, employment, housing, our economy and more – visit *commfound.org/trendsmagazine*.

About The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County:
For 25 years, The Community Foundation 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 $68.9 million to Boulder County nonprofits focused on animals and the environment, the arts and culture, basic needs, children and youth, civic engagement, education, and health and human services. commfound.org/news

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