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The Conversation Project in Boulder County Awarded $200,000

Colorado Health Foundation supports work to help families have end-of-life conversations

Boulder (March 16, 2016) – The Conversation Project in Boulder County has been awarded $200,000 by the Colorado Health Foundation, funding two years of operations and program development. The Project fosters meaningful and effective conversations about end-of-life care. Since its inception in 2013, nearly 4,000 people have heard the message about the importance of proactive family conversations about end-of-life values and wishes.

"The Project has set off a dialogue in the community, in the physician's office and in the home," says Constance Holden, co-founder of the initiative in Boulder County. The Project is modeled after The Conversation Project headquartered in Cambridge, MA, conceived by former Boston Globe columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author Ellen Goodman. The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County serves as the fiscal sponsor for the local project.

"As important as it is to ensure we all write advance directives and get our medical plans in place, we need to go deeper and have honest conversations about our values and our wishes and how we'd like to live our last days or months," says Josie Heath, President of The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County. "This grassroots effort aims to develop a model project that can be replicated by other communities." Learn more about The Conversation Project in Boulder County at theconversationprojectinboulder.org.

About The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County

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