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Welcome New Trustees

The Community Foundation is pleased to welcome Kathay Rennels and Joe Gebhardt to its Board of Trustees. This group of well-known community leaders from throughout Northern Colorado is responsible for the overall management and growth of the Foundation, including its fiscal and investment policies. [Read on....](#)



Bas Bleu Establishes Endowment Fund

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous out-of-state donor, [Bas Bleu Theatre Company](#) is now one of more than [30 nonprofit agencies](#) that have endowment funds with the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. Bas Bleu can now focus valuable staff and board resources on marketing and solicitation efforts rather than on investment management and technical planned giving responsibilities. The theatre opened in 1992 with the goal of presenting quality productions in an intimate "salon" theatre. Since its first outburst of creative energy from artistic director Wendy Ishii and her earliest collaborator Eva Wright, Bas Bleu has produced, performed, exhibited or hosted over 450 events for a total of more than 1,000 performances serving more than 32,000 patrons and involving over 2,100 artists, performers, writers, designers and technicians. [Read on...](#)



Phil Farley To Lead Rialto Bridge Campaign

The Community Foundation is pleased to welcome [Dr. Phil Farley](#) as our newest [staff member](#). Phil provides staff leadership to our Loveland Community Fund Committee as it guides a fund development campaign in support of the [Rialto Bridge](#). The Rialto Bridge is a 20,000 square foot public-private

partnership located in the heart of downtown Loveland; it will be a catalyst for downtown revitalization, which is the primary goal of the Loveland Community Fund Committee. Phil holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in mathematics, and earned a doctorate in mathematics education. Phil held several managerial positions at Hewlett Packard and IBM prior to retiring in 2008. He served as a Community Foundation trustee for six years and joined the Community Foundation staff in July 2010.



Veterans Plaza Reception a Great Success

How can you thank the thousands of veterans in Larimer County? How can you show appreciation for the years served? How can you help recognize the many military personnel currently representing our country and community? Local residents recently gathered at the Community Foundation office to learn more about the [Fort Collins Veterans Plaza](#), a timeless symbol of appreciation to honor the dedication and service of those in the armed services. (Reception attendees pictured above: Diggs Brown, Shelly Kalkowski, Jim Ling and Brian Ivers.) The Plaza will be located at [Spring Canyon Community Park](#) on three acres of land generously donated by the City of Fort Collins. Show your gratitude with a [tax-deductible donation](#) to help build a Veterans Plaza honoring those who have served, are serving, and will serve. The Fort Collins Veterans Plaza is a component fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. [Read on...](#)



Community Foundation Sponsors 40/40 Leaders Award Reception

The Community Foundation is pleased to be partnering with the [Northern Colorado Business Report](#) to present "40/40 Leaders", a regional award program that spotlights the next generation of business leaders. Please join us at the 40/40 Award Reception on Sept. 16 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Loveland; tickets are \$40. The featured speaker will be Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of [Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream](#), who will encourage attendees to approach life with an entrepreneurial spirit, social responsibility, and a values-led philosophy. To learn more, contact NCBR Marketing Director De Dahlgren at ddahlgren@ncbr.com or 221-5400 ext. 202.



BP Gives \$100 Million to Baton Rouge Community Foundation

BP recently announced that its \$100 million gift will create The Rig Worker Assistance Fund. This charitable fund will be administered by the Gulf Coast Restoration and Protection Foundation, a supporting organization of the [Baton Rouge Area Foundation](#). The Baton Rouge Area Foundation, one of more than 700 community foundations throughout the United States, has more than 46 years of experience helping people in south Louisiana and around the world. After Hurricane Katrina, the Foundation raised more than \$45 million in generous donations worldwide and used the money to clothe and shelter storm victims and fund longer-term projects to help rebuild coastal communities. [Read on...](#)



Estate Tax Remains Unsettled

A [recent article in the Wall Street Journal](#) titled "[Too Rich to Live?](#)" highlights a lapse in federal law which is turning estate planning for the wealthy, already a tough situation, into a grim affair. For one year only the estate tax has disappeared, but on January 1, 2011 it is set to snap up from 0% to 55% for the top rate, the largest ever increase in a major tax. [Read on...](#)



Bolder Giving in Extraordinary Times

A [recent article in the Chronicle of Philanthropy](#) highlighted a family that "sold its dream house, moved into a home half its size, and gave the proceeds of the sale --- more than \$800,000 --- to charity." The article was part of a series that's focused on spreading the word about [Bolder Giving](#), an organization dedicated to inspiring people to give more money away and provide them with the knowledge to do so effectively. The Bolder Giving site contains a number of tools to encourage greater giving, including an ["Are You a Bolder Giver"](#) quiz and a library of [inspiring stories](#).

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Ideas for Giving: Local Programs, Local Impact

The Community Foundation stays in close communication with charitable agencies in our region to strategically connect donors with the causes they care about most. Here are three giving opportunities that have recently come to our attention:

- The [Wildfire Community Arts Center](#) is dedicated to building community through the arts. Wildfire offers art-related classes, workshops and events for Berthoud residents of all ages. The organization is currently working on a mural that offers participants the chance to partner with a professional artist; energetic high school students and adults can use this opportunity to become apprentice muralists. To learn more, contact Liz Kearney at elkesq@msn.com or 532-3594. [Read on...](#)
- The [Friends of the Loveland Public Library Foundation](#) supports the work of the Loveland Library by advocating for public support and use of the library, generating current and long-term funding and developing volunteer involvement. The organization's capital campaign has reached \$1.4 million of the \$2 million goal, and groundbreaking for the expansion of the Loveland Public Library has been accomplished. The Foundation is now seeking funding to outfit its first-ever teen center within the Loveland Library, which will include study rooms, meeting space and a state-of-the-art soundproof gaming room. To learn more, contact Rose Anne Wheeler at roseannewheeler@comcast.net or 278-0321. [Read on...](#)
- The mission of [Be Local Northern Colorado](#) is to cultivate the living economy of local independent businesses and farms through community advocacy, consumer education and business promotion. A healthy, resilient and affordable local food system is central to farm and water stewardship, better health and nutrition, and poverty and hunger alleviation. Be Local Northern Colorado seeks funding to promote local farms and ranches, incubate new farmers, and help address infrastructure needs. To learn more, contact Gailmarie Kimmel at gailmarie@belocalnc.org or 692-1443. [Read on...](#)

In an effort to make our donors and friends aware of these types of funding needs and program announcements, our website features news submissions from area nonprofit agencies. [Click here](#) to review this month's submissions, and [click here](#) if you would like to have your nonprofit agency featured on our website.



Office Space for Lease: 4745 Wheaton Drive, Fort Collins

The Community Foundation has a 1,311 square-foot suite for lease in its building located at 4745 Wheaton Drive in Fort Collins. The suite features three offices, one conference room, a kitchenette and a reception desk. Please [click here to download a PDF](#) with more details, and contact [Rick Callan](#) of RealTec at 218-2180 to schedule a tour.

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Join The Discussion

We're intrigued by the idea that the Community Foundation could facilitate a productive online community discussion about the future of Northern Colorado in our various communities. What's your input on this idea? What should it look like: Facebook? A blog? Other ideas? How could we keep a fresh discussion in front of local residents and encourage ongoing dialog? [Join this discussion and others on our Facebook page!](#)

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