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**Social Venture Partners Boulder County supports efforts of Carriage House Community Table to Expand in Downtown Boulder**

**BOULDER, Colorado** (May 18, 2011) – Imagine your house can hold just 25 people at a time but you have 125 relatives needing a place to stay every day. Now consider that Carriage House Community Table provided intensive basic care and case management services to 3,668 unduplicated clients in 2010 with only 1,200 square feet.

“Social Venture Partners exists to improve the quality of life locally by investing in non-profits. We support the Carriage House Community Table because it is doing the hard work to address homelessness in Boulder County. In tackling this problem, Carriage House Community Table improves quality of life for not only its clients but for every citizen.” says Jennie Arbogash, SVP Executive Director.

Homelessness “costs” both direct individuals and our community as a whole. Society pays every time a person is jailed, every time an uninsured person needs emergency room care, and when home values decrease due to foreclosures. And most importantly, the public pays when the talents and productivity of its entire citizenry is not utilized to the fullest extent. Studies\* show that spending resources to reduce chronic homelessness actually save the community money.

Carriage House Community Table helps homeless individuals find stability and a path to safe shelter. It ensures the working poor do not lose housing during economically difficult times. And it provides a safe space for those impacted by homelessness to stay during daytime hours. Yet the needs greatly outweigh the space the organization has within which to work.

John McCorvie, SVP Lead Partner elaborates, “We are amazed by the quality and quantity of services Carriage House Community Table (CHCT) provides in such a tiny space on Pine Street. But the organization could be doing so much more to reduce the effects of homelessness in Boulder. The SVP partnership is committed to assisting CHCT in finding a larger building in or near downtown that will allow CHCT to serve its mission successfully and meet the needs of downtown neighbors. We ask local businesses, individuals, and groups to team with us in solving a problem that affects every resident.”

If you would like to learn how to help or have questions, please contact Jennie Arbogash, SVP Executive Director, at 303.442.0436 or [jennie@svpbouldercounty.org](mailto:jennie@svpbouldercounty.org) for more information.

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**\*Studies**

Homeless Cost Study by United Way of Greater Los Angeles

[http://www.unitedwayla.org/getinformed/news/Documents/HomelessCostStudy\\_09\\_r2\\_v3.pdf](http://www.unitedwayla.org/getinformed/news/Documents/HomelessCostStudy_09_r2_v3.pdf)

Cost of Homelessness by the National Alliance to End Homelessness

[http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/about\\_homelessness/cost\\_of\\_homelessness](http://www.endhomelessness.org/section/about_homelessness/cost_of_homelessness)

**About SVP Boulder County**

Social Venture Partners Boulder County, a fund of The Community Foundation, strengthens organizational capacity and sustainability of local non-profits while inspiring philanthropy and volunteerism in our community. We engage in philanthropic education and invest both cash and pro-bono consulting in innovative non-profit organizations using an entrepreneurial model that pools the financial, professional, and human resources of our partner members. We are an affiliate of Social Venture Partners International. To learn more about SVP Boulder County, please visit

[www.svpbouldercounty.org](http://www.svpbouldercounty.org).

**About The Community Foundation:** Established in 1991, The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County is a foundation established by the community to serve the community. The Community Foundation is one of about 700 foundations across the country dedicated to improving the quality of life for local communities. Its assets, which total \$40 million, represent nearly 200-plus funds established by local families, individuals and corporations. From those assets, the Foundation makes grants to nonprofit groups working in the arts, civic engagement, education, the environment, and health and human services. Since the inception of its grant program in 1992, The Community Foundation has distributed \$26 million to nonprofits. In addition to financial support, the Foundation fosters the health and viability of Boulder County's nonprofit sector by offering a variety of programs to build capacity and the organizational structure of charitable organizations. For more information, visit

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