

SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS GRANTS \$2.5 MILLION IN FIRST DECADE

*Venture philanthropy supports capacity building and educational services for
Boulder County nonprofits*

BOULDER, Colo. – Sept. 12, 2010 – Social Venture Partners Boulder County (SVP), a fund of The Community Foundation, celebrates its 10th anniversary this month, marking a total contribution of more than \$2.5 million to local nonprofits. The investments include more than \$1 million in cash grants and approximately \$1.5 million of pro-bono consulting and educational services to 16 Boulder County nonprofit organizations.

“SVP leverages the combined strength of more than 50 local partners to invest in area nonprofits and their capacity to support the Boulder community,” says Dan Catlin, chair of SVP Boulder County. “Over the past decade, SVP has far surpassed our goals for grant funding and community giving with more than 12,000 hours volunteered to support nonprofit investees.”

Based on a social philanthropy model that awards grants on an annual basis, SVP pools the financial contributions and professional expertise of member partners to invest in local nonprofits. The organization focuses on overall capacity building and long-term sustainability to help investees make a greater impact in the community.

“100 percent of the cash funding and consulting services granted by SVP have been contributed by local donors and volunteers for the benefit of local nonprofits,” said Jennie Arbogash, executive director of SVP Boulder County. “This local focus enables SVP to use our resources and business expertise to make a significant difference in our community.”

SVP operates its strategy for building capacity by providing a complete package of grant funding, professional-level volunteer consultants (comprised of SVP partners), free educational

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opportunities and networking opportunities to its investee organizations. SVP works with nonprofits on strategy, program design and evaluation, human resources, board development, management team leadership, fund development, marketing, legal affairs, information technology, replication and more.

SVP Boulder County celebrates its anniversary on the evening of Sept. 16, 2010. Visit our website (www.svpbouldercounty.org) after September 20th to view photos.

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 in innovative non-profit organizations using an entrepreneurial model that pools the financial, professional, and human resources of our partner members. To learn more about SVP Boulder County, please visit www.svpbouldercounty.org.

Purpose of The Community Foundation

The Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. The Foundation is the place where giving is informed and inspired to have the greatest impact on the vision of a better Boulder County. We connect donors, non-profit organizations, and other community leaders around issues that matter. More than \$38,000,000 has been distributed in grants since 1991. To learn more or make a gift, please visit www.commfound.org or call 303-442-0436.

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