Dear Give 10 members,

Typically, these notes are easy to write. I’m eager to share good news, convey progress in growing the Give 10 network, and celebrate our impact of creating a giving community together. Today calls for a different message. Our fellow community members are struggling. People are out of work, don’t have enough to eat, and simply can’t afford shelter. Racial and social injustices are front and center. Our most treasured natural spaces are devasted by fires. Many have lost their homes. With heavy hearts we know that this list is incomplete.

Now is the time to double down on giving of all kinds. This moment requires that we recommit ourselves to growing the Give 10 network not just in size, but in impact. We’ll navigate this unprecedented challenge and the long recovery path ahead together. Give 10 is ready to provide educational opportunities so that we’re all as informed as possible about local needs. We’ll keep this great network of generous souls refueled through strengthening connection. We will celebrate one another, and giving, even in the midst of these crises. Join us in any way you can. It is the only way to greet this new season.

With gratitude,

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Community Programs Director

ANNUAL RECEPTION

The Give 10 Reception was held on March 3, 2020 just as “elbow bumps” began replacing hugs and handshakes. More than 160 Give 10 Partners and Emerging Leaders attended. The evening began with a meet and greet with nine new nonprofit leaders from across Larimer County. We hear from Give 10 members that meeting and learning from local executive directors is a valued aspect of Give 10 programming. If you couldn’t join us back in March, no worries. You can learn more about these nonprofit leaders here https://bit.ly/33vRDnw. We asked a few challenging questions, including “What’s your 10-year vision for Larimer County?” and their responses inspire us! Take a moment to read up and reach out to these leaders if you’d like to learn more.
The pandemic has impacted all aspects of our lives, including giving. We’re inspired by the many Give 10 members who reach out to us and ask: what is the best way to help? We recently began sharing regular updates and insights with Give 10 members about local COVID-related impacts, needs, and responses in an e-newsletter. Here are a few great state and national resources, too:


- Two national studies suggest record-setting giving in response to COVID: [https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/26/your-money/philanthropy-pandemic-coronavirus.html]

As you can imagine, the realities of virtual learning are tough on kids and families. Teachers are moving mountains to support their students both in the classroom and online. However, the impacts of COVID and remote learning disproportionately affect students from lower-income households and students of color. (Read the full report from McKinsey and Company here [https://mck.co/3oPOMyG]).

Many nonprofit organizations have rallied to provide remote learning supports including the Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County, the Matthews House, the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, and Family Housing Network. These organizations are working in partnership with Poudre School District, Bohemian Foundation, United Way of Larimer County, the City of Fort Collins, the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, and AlphaBEST to activate creative solutions to support students and families. If you’d like to learn more please reach out to sara@bohemianfoundation.org.

We are committed to racial equity and are reading, reflecting, and planning. Here are a few resources we found helpful:

- Ted Talks related to racial equity [https://www.ted.com/search?q=race+equity]

- Many of the books on the New York Times Best Sellers list are related to racial equity [https://www.nytimes.com/books/best-sellers/]

- The Aspen institute has a number of helpful racial equity resources [https://www.aspeninstitute.org/search/race%20equity]

Fostering a sense of connection and community is still our highest priority so we’re shifting to virtual events until we can safely gather in person again. Invitations will be emailed, so make sure we have your preferred email addresses on file. If you have suggestions for content or speakers, please email us at sara@bohemianfoundation.org.