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**Community Foundation of Northern Colorado's Estes Valley Community Fund
Announces \$600,000 Legacy Campaign**

\$300,000 in matching funds is "on the table" for contributions to the Estes Valley Community Fund. The local committee of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado has announced the \$600,000 Legacy Campaign to help increase this permanent source of funding for local nonprofit agencies.

Two generous Estes Valley donors have provided leadership through a \$300,000 matching grant. The first \$300,000 in gifts to the Legacy Campaign will be matched dollar for dollar, significantly increasing the capability of this permanent source of funding exclusively for Estes Valley charities.

The Estes Valley Community Fund was established in 1999 as a permanent resource for local nonprofits. It is an endowed fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, the income from which provides grants to local nonprofits year after year. The Estes Valley Community Fund Committee has seen increasing needs in their annual review of grant requests from local nonprofit organizations, but the funds requested for worthy endeavors has far exceeded the funds available for distribution.

"Scores of local nonprofit organizations are the "rubber that meets the road" in placing a safety net under the most vulnerable citizens of our community," said Joe Adair, a member of the Estes Valley Community Fund Committee. "With limited funding, these proud organizations strive diligently to meet increasing needs, but many needs remain unfulfilled. The Legacy Campaign addresses this ongoing shortfall."

The committee is inviting Estes Valley donors to join them in raising \$300,000, which, when combined with the \$300,000 matching grant, will achieve the campaign goal of increasing the Estes Valley Community Fund by \$600,000. When added to the existing fund balance, the endowment will yield well over \$30,000 annually in grants to Estes Valley nonprofits...FOREVER!

"We are blessed by two generous donors who are leading the campaign through their matching gifts, said Randy Davis, Estes Valley Community Fund Chair. "Their efforts have energized the concept of leaving a legacy, and we hope this campaign will encourage others to make major gifts and planned gifts that will continue to build this endowment for years to come. Gifts of any size are welcomed, and collectively, they will have great impact."