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## **Brighter Futures in Berthoud: CFNC makes 53K Grant to Family Center/La Familia**

The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado has awarded a \$53,000 grant to the Family Center/La Familia to fully fund a Parents as Teachers (PAT) program in Berthoud.

PAT is a nationally accredited, evidence-based program that uses a home visiting model to offer parent education to expectant mothers and to parents of children up to 5 years of age to ensure that young children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

The Family Center/La Familia is a bilingual organization that works to strengthen and stabilize working families, allowing them to become more self-reliant. Through the PAT program, the organization will work with 16 families with 25 children in Berthoud.

“The impact of this grant is significant because PAT focuses on prevention instead of intervention,” said Stephane Tillman, executive director of The Family Center/La Familia. “We send our staff into homes to support parents with age-appropriate activities and brain development to set these families up for success.”

This grant was made possible by the Community Foundation’s Doyle and Luvesta Jones Fund, which was created by a \$2 million bequest in 2011.

“Doyle and Luvesta recognized the benefits of giving back to their community by designating a portion of their estate to a charitable fund at the Community Foundation,” said local attorney and fund advisor Bruce Fickel. “They worked with the Foundation team to document the ways their giving goals should be accomplished.”

Since its creation, the Doyle and Luvesta Jones Fund has awarded more than \$860,000 in grants to nonprofits serving the Berthoud community. These grants have provided significant scholarship support for Berthoud High School students as well as for local programs such as the Little Learners Preschool of First United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Troop 6, and the Bright Beginnings Program of the PVH/MCR Foundation.