



Boulder Junction
Community Foundation

PO Box 675, Boulder Junction, WI

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

*To preserve and enhance Boulder Junction
for present and future generations*

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2014-15 Committees: Finance,
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 Dinner

Meetings

The Board of Directors regularly meets on the third (3rd) Monday of each month at 5:00 PM in the Boulder Junction Community Building. Meetings are open to the public. For more details check the Foundation website at: www.boulderjunctioncf.org.

Boulder Junction Community Foundation Inc.

P.O. Box 675
 Boulder Junction, WI 54512
 715-385-2980

*The foundation is a 501(c)(3)
 federal tax exempt public charity.*

A Message from Our President

Your Community Foundation board members often remind themselves that, “It’s the *relationship*”. We are grateful for our relationship with our donors and supporters, volunteers, committee members, other civic organizations, town leaders, and potential grant applicants. Beyond that, we believe this accurately reflects the spirit of Boulder Junction – our beloved town of people and *relationships* that make this town what it is.



2015 was a sweet year for the Foundation as we experienced fundraising success for your community endowment fund (see page 8), the exciting success of our Neighbors drive (see page 9), and began 2016 with budget goals already met. This gives us a solid foundation for focusing on growing our endowment fund and therefore providing more grant dollars to distribute. We encourage all of Boulder Junction’s non-profits and public charities to talk to us about your grant project ideas. For 2016, we have \$4,100 available for community grants. Ask us about opening a donor advised fund or a field of interest fund to support an area you feel particularly passionate about. We’re here to help.

You will read in these pages about the Foundation’s accomplishments throughout 2015. None of this would be possible without your generous support. Our participation in the Boulder Junction Lions Flea Market set the stage for a new type of relationship that resulted in facilitating over \$20,000 of improvements for our community park. (See page 5) A community grant for Music on Main Street was approved for the Chamber of Commerce – supporting the arts by helping to bring a wide variety of musicians to Boulder Junction throughout our busy summer months. (See page 4)

We have more of the same activities planned for 2016, plus some new ideas that are forming. The Foundation board strives to keep a collective finger on the pulse of our community all the while seeking new opportunities to *build relationships*.

Who hasn’t heard someone in passing say that there is something very special about Boulder Junction? Then after discussing the possibilities of what “something special” could be, the conclusion is always that it’s the people. *It’s the relationship* - the warm welcome that new residents receive, that established citizens portray, and that our guests have all experienced. We are looking forward to sharing with you all of these sentiments and more throughout 2016. Thank you, once again, for your continued support of Boulder Junction ... and especially for the *relationships*.

In gratitude,

Barbara Boston, President

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation (“Foundation”) is honored to serve with you to make Boulder Junction a stronger and more vibrant community.

We are privileged to help our donors and volunteers make a positive difference in the quality of life in Boulder Junction, impacting current and future generations.



2015 Townwide Rummage Sale Booth
(Foundation Treasure Bazaar)



Appreciation Plaque to Pete
Rondello for WXPR's Support



2015 Colorama Dinner NLS 8th Grader Serving
Diners

Fiscal Year 2015 has been an active and stable year for the Foundation. More than \$39,400 was deposited into the Boulder Junction Community Endowment Fund during 2015, increasing its total assets to \$132,843 as of December 31, 2015.

The Foundation achieves its purpose by distributing funds to Boulder Junction's nonprofit agencies and organizations. In 2015, more than \$12,700 has been returned to Boulder Junction in order to enhance our community for present and future generations. The Town of Boulder Junction received the amount of \$12,501 in additional funds to offset the costs of the new Community Center and Library. The Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce received a grant of \$200 to offset the costs of the summer's "Music on Main Street event."

Current Funds

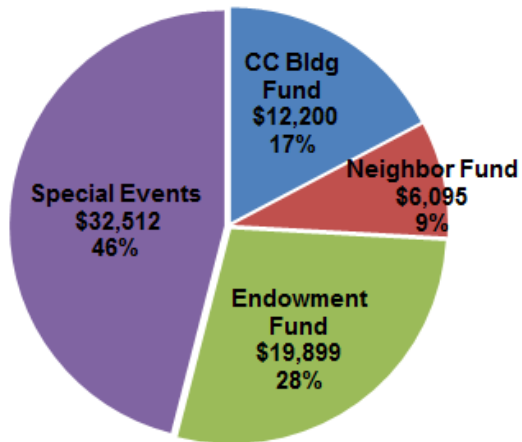
BOULDER JUNCTION COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND – The Endowment Fund is managed, invested and kept in perpetuity to provide earnings for the benefit of charitable causes in Boulder Junction. The Endowment Fund is currently held and managed by the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin.

NEIGHBORS FUND – Gifts to this fund support the operations of the Foundation, ensuring the continuation of our work in Boulder Junction.

BJCF COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING FUND – Gifts to this fund established in November, 2012, support the construction of the new Boulder Junction Community Center and Library and reduce the tax burden upon all taxpayers. Up to three year pledges were possible. All pledges should be complete in the summer of 2016.

Financials

2015 Contributions and Event Receipts \$70,706



Contributions and receipts consist of:

- Pledge payments to the Community Center Building Fund
- Gifts to the Neighbors Fund for Foundation Operations
- Gifts to the Community Endowment Fund
- Proceeds from Special fundraising Events (Colorama Dinner, Raffle, Treasure Bazaar, etc)

Distributions

Community Impact:

Music on Main Street \$200

Boulder Junction Community

Endowment Fund: \$39,400



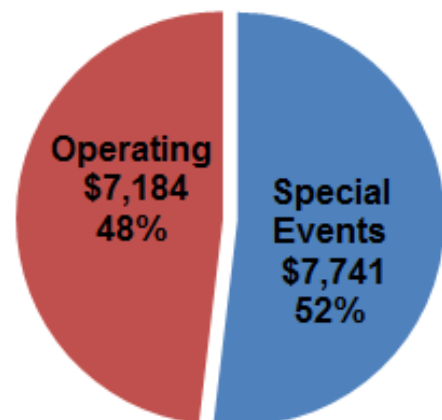
Operating Expenses Include:

- 2014 Financial Review Services
- Organization Insurance
- IT Support
- Postage, Printing, Supplies for Fundraising and Public Relations
- Storage Rental Units for Treasure Bazaar Items
- Governmental Licenses, Fees

Special Events include:

- Colorama Dinner, Silent Auction
- People's Choice Awards
- Historic Canoe Raffle
- Participation in Townwide Rummage Sale-Treasure Bazaar

2015 Expenses - \$14,925



Giving Back to the Community

Boulder Junction Dreaming Turned into Action

This was the first summer for the Foundation's DREAM BOARD. The Foundation had a write-on easel set up at the flea markets, Music on Main events, and on Musky Day. The board was meant to engage people in conversations about what they loved about Boulder Junction, what they could dream would enhance Boulder Junction and/or what they wanted to preserve in our town. Throughout the summer, people wrote more than 100 responses. As you can imagine, we received a wide variety of ideas and comments!

Work has already begun and funds have already been donated to make some of these dreams come true. Janny Thomas & Lynn Mehrholz, owners of BJ Trading Company, were presented with the inaugural Dream Catcher Award at the Colorama Dinner, for making some of their dreams for Boulder Junction come true. They provided the resources and made arrangements for the work to get done – over \$20,000 in improvements at the town sport and recreation area by the ballfield. The Foundation applauds their vision and action!

The Dream Board responses did tend to fall into some dominant recurring themes/categories. We found outdoor activities reigned supreme, with ideas for the bike trails and downtown live entertainment topping the list. Many of these ideas are worthy of further research, some are being acted upon by the town board, and a few will make you chuckle. All of the ideas are worthy of consideration and give us an insight into what people are looking for whether they are choosing us for their vacation spot or to live here. To view the complete Dream Board list, visit the Foundation website, boulderjunctioncf.org. If any of the ideas on the Dream Board list move you to want to donate to make them a reality, please contact us- we want to help you.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Music on Main Street Grant



The Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce is grateful for the Boulder Junction Community Foundation's grant for 2015 which enabled the Music on Main St. event to be expanded this past year. This event is a community favorite and we are looking forward to this coming summer.

– Kristin Tichacek, Executive Director,
Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce



We felt it was a privilege to make this dream come true. - Janny Thomas

Founders Circle and Legacy Circle

With much anticipation and excitement, the Foundation kicked off its FOUNDERS CIRCLE and LEGACY CIRCLE programs during summer, 2015.

A FOUNDER is a person who believes in our mission, shares its ideals, and makes a significant financial commitment/contribution to the Boulder Junction Community Foundation to ensure we continue our community work in the future.

Membership in the FOUNDERS CIRCLE is a lifetime opportunity to make a difference in the community, made possible with cumulative gifts of \$10,000 or more, starting with donations received since the inception of the Foundation on October 10, 2010. When a donor reaches or pledges a sum of \$10,000, they will be listed in perpetuity in our annual report and on our website. Founders Circle donors become lifetime members. Donors can remain anonymous.

Founders Circle

With gratitude, we thank our Founders.

Anonymous	Bob & Diane Jenkins
Boulder Junction Lions Club	Dan & Leslie Johnson
Friends of the Boulder Junction Library	Ron & Judy Nordlof
Dairymen's Inc.	James & Bonnie Schwartzburg
Milt Heinrichs	Mary & Greg Van Grinsven
Hoag Family Charitable Foundation	

LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS are people who believe in our mission, share its ideals, and make a deferred gift as part of their estate plan to the Boulder Junction Community Endowment Fund to ensure we continue our community work in the future.

The LEGACY CIRCLE celebrates donors who thoughtfully designate the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in their estate planning for the betterment of the Boulder Junction community.

Legacy Circle

The foundation awaits its first Legacy Circle members. Will it be you?

We would love to give you (or mail you) an informational packet to peruse at your leisure. To find out more about the Founders Circle or the Legacy Circle, please choose one of the following:

- visit our website - www.boulderjunctioncf.org
- call our President, Barbara Boston (715-385-2980)
- contact any one of our Directors listed on page 2
- request more information through email – info@boulderjunctioncf.org
- visit our Facebook page (Boulder Junction Community Foundation) and send us a note or request

VALUABLE MEMORIES

I first visited Boulder Junction during the 1950's as a young camper at Camp Manito-wish while growing up in Appleton. I continued each summer at Manito-wish until I went to college...roughly 10 years. During those years, I canoed through many lakes in Vilas County and developed a great love for the North Woods. Naturally the center of this universe was Boulder Junction! Upon graduating from UW Madison and getting married, Diane and I moved to the East Coast. For eighteen years we were absent from northern Wisconsin. When we very happily moved back to the Midwest, now with two sons, we were all ready to come back to Boulder Junction.

I still remember my feelings when we came up Highway M and entered Boulder Junction after many years away. So many great memories returned. Since buying our vacation home up here over twenty-five years ago, I still get a great feeling when I drive into town after being away. Aside from being in the North Woods, there is something very special about this town and the folks who love and care for it. It is this affection for the town and its surroundings which bind us all together...that and the fact basic American and Midwest values are alive and well throughout this community. *It is very clear to most citizens of Vilas County that Boulder Junction is the classy crown jewel of this northern part of our state.* It is the people who have invested in and worked at the businesses here that make it truly unique. Like all economies, ours has gone through cycles; and yet, there are some core businesses and great folks who continue to welcome visitors and newcomers and provide the foundation to keep our town a cut above the rest. In the last year there have been some outstanding new investments made in our town...the Community Center and Coon's Market. Both provide a sense of optimism and some momentum into the future. If our economy can grow, our community and our town are positioned to prosper.

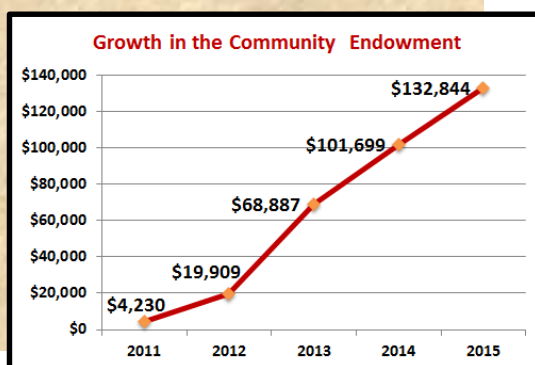
It is for these reasons Diane and I have contributed to the **Boulder Junction Community Foundation** and are members of the **Founders Circle**. We believe in its mission to assist the town in its growth and to sustain its unique quality of life for all who live and visit here - now and in the future. We love Boulder Junction and we are privileged to be a part of the community.



*Diane and Bob Jenkins
Founders Circle Members*

On the following pages, we gratefully acknowledge the donors who generously invested in our community in 2015 through the Boulder Junction Community Endowment Fund, the Foundation Community Center Building Fund, and the Foundation's special events. We are also grateful to those donors who generously supported the Foundation's operations through the Neighbors of the Foundation Fund. Please know we have worked hard to ensure the accuracy of donor lists – so if your name is absent or misspelled, please accept our sincere apology and contact us by calling Barbara Boston at (715) 385-2980.

Boulder Junction Community Endowment Fund



Market conditions this past year have been challenging for investors. Our Investment Committee and Board have been vigilant in monitoring the assets that have been entrusted to us. We have been working closely with our investment management consulting firm to maximize gains and minimize losses by adhering to the discipline of our diversified investment policy. - Jean Tehan, Executive Director, Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation Restricted Endowment Fund was established for the purpose of creating a fund that will generate proceeds in perpetuity to benefit the Boulder Junction community. The Foundation's initial goal is to raise \$1 million for the fund. The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin manages the investment of the principal in the Endowment Fund. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, a \$200 grant was given in 2015 to the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce for its summer "Music on Main Street" program.

During 2015, \$39,400 was contributed to the Endowment Fund, with approximately \$19,899 coming directly from donors and \$19,501 coming from the net proceeds of its special events.

For 2016, \$4,100 is available for grants to nonprofit or other qualifying organizations for projects that benefit the community.

With Gratitude to the Following Donors.....

Anonymous

Dennis J. Aukstik – in honor of his father, Dennis Aukstik

Dennis & Lori Aukstik

Tom & Sally Basting, Sr.

Georgann Belden

Bruce & Cathy Bohren – in memory of John & Judy Nicholson

Barbara Boston

Dick & Chris Calder

Coontail Market Charities

Program, Steve & Lisa Coon

Michael Daley

Raynard Darnstadt

Emily & John Douglass

Dennis & Cathy Duke

In memory of Coley Findlay

Lee Fischer, Jr.

Leslie Gauberti

In memory of Gary Geurts

Gil & Irene Gravelle

Patrick M. & Jared R. Green – in memory of our mom & dad, Mikey & Katie Green

Milt Heinrichs – in memory of wife, Betty

Grant P. Herman

Jim & Anita Hornbrook

Bob & Diane Jenkins

Erv Keller & Sue Kowbel-Keller

Susan Kern – in memory of Peggy Kern

Gene & Carol Klisnick

Barbara Lach – In memory of Ralph Lach

Little Lakes Canoe Restoration & Guide Service, Dave Osborn

Al & Mary Manteuffel

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Charlyne Perrine

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Barbara & John Post

Robert Prentiss

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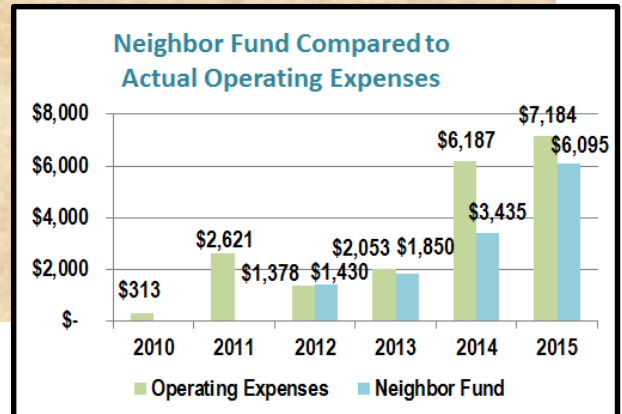
Mary & Greg Van Grinsven

Sr. Constance Walton, FSPA

John & Gale Werth

Gerald Williams

Neighbors Fund



The Foundation's Neighbors Fund was established in May, 2012, to provide financial assistance for the ongoing operations of the Foundation. We genuinely appreciate the support provided by the following individuals and organizations during 2015.

Lifetime Neighbors

Anonymous
Boulder Junction Lions Club
Dairymen's Inc.
Friends of the Boulder Junction Library

Milt Heinrichs
Hoag Family Charitable Foundation
Bob & Diane Jenkins
Dan & Leslie Johnson

Ron & Judy Nordlof
James & Bonnie Schwartzburg
Mary & Greg Van Grinsven

Neighbors

John & Joanne Ader
John Aldridge
Dennis & Lori Aukstik
Tom & Sally Basting, Sr.
Bruce & Cathy Bohren
Jerry & Bonnie Burgette
Dick & Chris Calder
Kent & Maureen Dahlgren
Bill & Anne Daley
Michael Daley
Scott & Kimberly Davis
Jackie Densing
Anne & Brian Derber
Emily & John Douglass
Dennis & Cathy Duke
Sue & Bill Fehlandt
Lee Fischer, Jr.
Richard Foltz
Jim & Sue Fragassi
Leslie Gauberti
Lloyd & Judy Giles
Gil & Irene Gravelle
Jan Gumz
Wayne Guzy & Martha Holman
The Haag Family
Ken & Kate Hanni
Hartung Brothers Inc.
Bob & Tora Hellyer
Grant P. Herman
Mark & Lisa Hilgendorf
Cassie Hollatz

Ed & Rosa Hoppe
Jim & Anita Hornbrook
Bradley Javenkoski
Bill & Doreen Jelenchick
Erv Keller & Sue Kowbel-Keller
Jim Kelly
Susan Kern
Gene & Carol Klisnick
Jim & Barbara Konopacki
Knitt's Hardware, Krista Maurer
William & Gordonna Komassa
Jim & Barb Konopacki
Joan & Gene Kraase
Barbara Lach
Little Lakes Canoe Restoration & Guide Service, Dave Osborn
Jeff Long & Barbara Boston
Jeff & Sherry Lucas
Larry & Sharon Maholland
Barry & Pam Manix
Lt. Col. Al & Mary Manteuffel
Duane & Joyce Marquardt
The Mauzer Family
Thomas J. McDermott
Jack & Mary Melrose
Bonnie L. Menke
James Merkowitz
Lou & Jeanne Milewski
Moondeer & Friends Gallery,
Sara Muender
John & Judy Mundy, Jr.

Diane Muri
Peter & Annette Olson
Don & Lois Osborn
Marjorie Palmer
Peeplelures, Craig & Jane Mason
Charlyne Perrine
Ned & Anita Pierce
Gary & Barbara Plouff
Barbara & John Post
Bob & Judy Prentiss
Fred & Sally Rathke
Carole Rowe-Zaeske
Dana & Cheryl Rowan
Jane Russell
Roger & Penny Samuelson
Tim & Cherie Sanderson
Dick & Liz Schreuder
Al & Lois Smith
Bill & Bonnie Spear
Charlie & Betsy Spencer
Bill & Carol Steeno
Parker & Sandy Sterner
William & Donna Steuer
Bradley & Linda Subler
Don Taylor
Joe Voypick
Sr. Constance Walton, FSPA
Robert & Janet Wilhelm
James & Janet Zamrazil
Don Zander
Millie Zarembka

Special Events

Colorama Dinner

Peeplelures Jewelry Silent Auction

People's Choice Awards

Seasonal Historic Canoe Raffle

Participation in Townwide Rummage Sale



Special events allow the Foundation to raise additional funds for the Boulder Junction Community Foundation Community Endowment and supplement operating expenses (through the proceeds of the townwide rummage sale.) During 2015, the Foundation raised over \$32,500 through special events with net proceeds exceeding \$24,770. After retaining seed funds for 2016 events, approximately \$20,000 in special event proceeds were directed to the Community Endowment Fund.

In addition, special events benefit the community in other ways. For example, the Colorama Dinner that serves 300 diners family-style literally "takes a village" to put on. In doing so, new community relationships are forged and strengthened with a lot of hard work and comraderie. Also, the NLS 8th graders received a stipend of \$600 to supplement their dinner tips & raffle sales through their service and participation at the Colorama Dinner that they use for their Spring trip. Their efforts helped to raise over \$2,250.

*The success of the Foundation's special events would not be possible without the board and committee members, community service organizations, and other community volunteers who continue to donate their time and personal funds for Foundation activities. **A heartfelt thank you to all contributors!***

Colorama Dinner Event Sponsors

Aspirus Woodruff Clinic
Badger Heating & Air Conditioning Inc,
Chad Piotrowski
Coontail Market - Steve and
Lisa Coon, Owners
Liesen & Pinzl Dental Practice

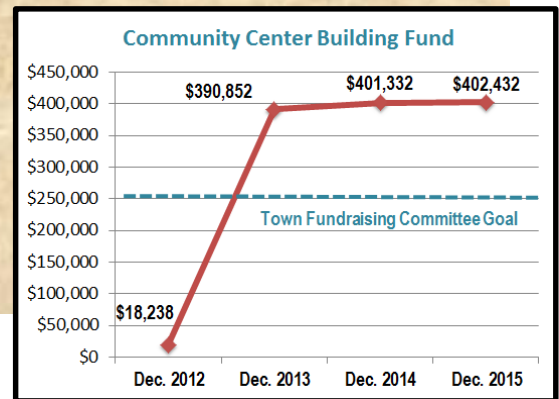
Little Lakes Canoe Restoration & Guide Service –
Dave Osborn, Owner
Long & Company, Inc., Insurance and Financial
Services - Jacqueline Long, President
Pierce Century 21 Realty - Jeff Long, Agent
Dr. Mindy Wolf, Podiatrist

Event In-Kind and Service Donors

Alder Lake Cranberry Gift Shop –
Sue Indermuehle, Owner
All donors of goods for the townwide rummage sale
All Colorama Dinner door prize donors
Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce
Boulder Junction Fire and Ambulance Crew
Boulder Junction Lions and Lioness
Camp Manito-wish YMCA (Anne Derber,
Grant Herman, Don O'Melia & Staff)

Dairymen's Inc.
North Lakeland School Staff, Parents, and Siblings
Parker Sterner, Master Canoe Builder
The Peeplelures Family
Reinhart Foodservice
Special Event volunteers and helpers
Winkler's Greenhouse –
Theresa and Steve Winkler, Owners

BJCF Community Center Building Fund



The Boulder Junction Community Foundation was honored to play a role with the Town's Fundraising Committee and the many generous donors of time, talent and treasure who contributed to the success of the "Building Our Future Together" fundraising campaign. The \$402,432 raised for the project as of December 31, 2015, in donations and pledges, far exceeds the private fundraising goal of \$250,000 originally established for this community construction project by the Town Board.



During 2015, the Foundation received \$12,501 in donations to the Community Center Building Fund, mainly in the form of pledge payments. Pledge payments will continue to be received through the middle of 2016.

Call to Action

When you drive around that last corner on Highway M and see the lights and buildings of Boulder Junction does something stir inside of you? Are you passionate about preserving the quaintness and charm of Boulder Junction? Do you want to see us stay engaged and vibrant well into the future - for many generations to come? If you love Boulder Junction and are ready to join similar people who want these same outcomes, the Boulder Junction Community Foundation is for you! Join us as a volunteer, committee member or board member! See page 2 for contact information.



Past President, Amy Wheeler

Past Director, Irene Gravelle

Volunteer Jim Konopacki

Past Consultant Karen Stanley

Foundation Goals & Values

MISSION

Our mission is our guiding light.

"To preserve and enhance Boulder Junction for present and future generations."

Collaborating with Others

Building Relationships

Responding to Community Needs

Striving For a High Level of Integrity, Accountability and Trustworthiness



Special Project: Boulder Junction Community Center Building and Library Construction

Strengthening a Sense of Community



Annual Colorama Dinner

Performing Public Services



Local Candidates Forum-March, 2015

Fundraising to Fulfill our Mission; Target Goal for the Community Endowment: \$1,000,000, allowing us to give back \$50,000 to the community each and every year Forever.

