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President and CEO Kristin Todd Reflects on First Year at the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation of Northern Colorado welcomed Kristin Todd as its new president and CEO in the spring of 2021. Since joining staff, Kristin has acquainted herself with the community, built a new team, and established an ambitious ten-year vision for the Foundation. In reflecting on her first year, Kristin provided her top ten appreciations on stage at the Community Foundation’s May Celebration of Philanthropy. Here is what she had to say:

10. The solid reputation of the Community Foundation – with a rich 46-year history, I’m grateful for those who have come before me and the shoulders on which I have the privilege of standing

9. The strength and kindness of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees and staff

8. I REALLY appreciate getting out of Denver traffic! This was a big one for me 😊

7. The collaborative nature of Northern Colorado and the importance of quiet, respectful conversations – it’s how things get done effectively in this part of the state

6. The importance and the difficulty of Regionalism - tackling challenges as a region is hard, but it’s worth it

5. Whether we like it or not, there is dramatic growth and change happening throughout our region. These changes bring important opportunities for us to work together proactively for the future.

4. The folks at Poudre School District who have been so welcoming to my family, especially the GIRLS of Ms. Rayls’ 5th Grade class at Bethke Elementary, who have made our son Charlie feel very welcome!

3. The passion and commitment among the people of Northern Colorado to make a positive difference, and the important role a community foundation can play in strategically harnessing that passion for good—this is what gets me out of bed every day.

2. The impact of our work in Eastern Colorado; in five short years the Eastern Colorado Community Fund has raised more than $15M for long-term community investment and granted more than $1M to their communities

1. The future is bright for both Northern Colorado AND for the Community Foundation.

About the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
The Community Foundation is a nonprofit, public foundation working for the benefit of charitable causes and organizations in Northern Colorado. It manages more than 500 funds and approximately $190 million in assets. The Foundation provides a unique leadership role by bringing people and resources together around important local issues. More than 75 nonprofit organizations have their endowments housed with the Community Foundation and the Foundation manages hundreds of donor advised funds for individuals and businesses.