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## Lights On After School grants available now for the '10-'11 year

In partnership with Mile High United Way and Jeffco Public Schools, The Jefferson Foundation is now accepting applications for grants to fund Lights On After School programs around the district. The deadline for applications to be submitted for consideration is 4 p.m. on Friday, August 27.

The program, now in its third year, provides after school enrichment activities including tutoring and homework help, sports and recreation, art and music, community service, student clubs and much more. In the 2009-2010 school year, more than 1,500 students attended programs at 16 different schools around Jeffco. This year, program partners hope to fund Lights On After School activities in more than 20 schools in the district.

Preliminary evaluation results show that more than 70% of participating students agreed with the statements that the Lights On After School programs make them try harder in school, make them feel better about themselves, and help them realize that staff care about them. More than 83% of participants said their programs feel safe.

"We know from research that if you can help a student feel a sense of connection and belonging to his or her school community, the student is more likely to graduate on time, which is a major goal of

the program," said Foundation executive director Katie Tiernan. "We're so thankful to Mile High United Way for bringing this program to Jefferson County and for providing major funding to make it happen."

In 2010-2011, participating schools will be required to partner with a community organization to provide programming. The change is designed to help schools build relationships that can lead to more sustainable programming.

For more information about Lights On After School, including how to apply, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org) and click on "Special Initiatives."



Above right: Twelve of the 14 Pennington Elementary School Lights On After School Reading Club participants increased their overall Acuity Assessment scores during the course of the year. Above: Vivian Elementary School's Lights On After School Math Club helped regular participants improve their academic performance in the classroom over the course of the school year.

## Colorado Rapids host DC United, Jeffco schools for October community night benefiting TJJ

**As America's love** affair with professional soccer grows in the wake of the 2010 World Cup tournament, Colorado's own Major League Soccer team, the Rapids, are enjoying attendance surges and a winning season.

The Rapids welcome Jeffco students, families and staff to Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City on Saturday, October 2, for Jeffco Community Night. Families can take advantage of discounted south stands tickets, while a portion of every ticket sale goes to The Jefferson Foundation to support its work in the school district. The Rapids play DC United, and the game will be United's star forward Jaime Moreno's last visit to Colorado before his

retirement from MLS.

The two schools that sell the most tickets will be invited to come onto the field to present the American flag before the 7 p.m. game. Those schools will also get to come onto the field after the game to have a school photo taken on the pitch. In addition, all Jefferson Foundation ambassadors at schools that sell at least 25 tickets to the game will receive four free tickets as a thank you from the Colorado Rapids and The Jefferson Foundation.

Tickets are \$17 each—a savings of \$8—and are on sale September 14 through 29 at [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org).



## New grants and resources for teachers, schools and more!

**The Jefferson Foundation** researches opportunities to help schools and community organizations do more. The following resources are separate of The Jefferson Foundation and are not endorsed by The Jefferson Foundation. Contact the funders or companies directly to learn more. *Have an opportunity you want to publicize to our schools and community partners? Email the details, including a website address for more information, to The Jefferson Foundation eNewsletter at [newsletter@jeffersonfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@jeffersonfoundation.org)*

### **Jeffco Schools Lights On After School Grants**

Up to \$5,000 for after school program partnerships between Jeffco schools and community-based organizations. *Deadline: August 27.*

Learn more at: [www.jeffersonfoundation.org/special/](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org/special/)

### **Jefferson Foundation PTA Engagement Challenge Grants**

Up to \$500 for four Jeffco PTA organizations to match fundraised income from local businesses and individuals. *Deadline: September 10.*

Learn more at [www.jeffersonfoundation.org/special/](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org/special/)

### **Kids In Need Foundation**

Grants of up to \$500 to help "certified K-12 educators" implement innovative classroom projects. *Deadline: September 30.*

Learn more at [www.kinf.org/grants/](http://www.kinf.org/grants/)

### **Westerra Credit Union School Grants**

Grants of approximately \$400 - \$700 for activities and programs at Jeffco Public Schools. *Deadline: September 15.*

Learn more at [www.westerracu.com](http://www.westerracu.com)

### **Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Music Program Grants**

Funding for instrument repair and purchase for K-12 public and charter school music programs with a demonstrated need. *Deadline: October 1.*

Learn more at [www.mhopus.org/apply](http://www.mhopus.org/apply)

### **Get Ingrained Grants Program of Bimbo Bakeries, USA**

Up to \$15,000 for programs that endorse healthy lifestyles and promote smart food and beverage choices. *Deadline: October 4.*

Learn more at [www.getingrained.com](http://www.getingrained.com)

### **Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants**

Grants of \$5,000 to help schools and parent groups provide basic needs and high-quality education to students. *Deadline: October 15.*

Learn more at [www.toolboxforeducation.com](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com)

### **State Farm Company Grants**

Grants to 501c3 organizations for safety, community development and education programming. *Deadline: October 31, 2010*

Learn more at: [www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/grants/cogrants.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/cogrants.asp)

### **United Healthcare Children's Foundation Health Care Grants**

Grants of up to \$5,000 to help health organizations provide services to low-income families. *Deadline: Ongoing*

Learn more at [www.uhccf.org/apply\\_applicant.html](http://www.uhccf.org/apply_applicant.html)

### **Discounted King Tut Exhibition Tickets**

Courtesy of Kroenke Sports Enterprises, Jeffco families can access exhibit discounts with promo code TSMIN. *Deadline: August 31.*

Learn more at [www.tickethorse.com/tut](http://www.tickethorse.com/tut)

### **Jeffco and Clear Creek Schools Employee Discount Directory**

Coupons and discount services offered in appreciation to employees of Jeffco and Clear Creek school districts.

Learn more at [www.dpub.us/FRD/JCC-2010.html](http://www.dpub.us/FRD/JCC-2010.html)

### **The Point Athletic Club Jeffco Employee Discount**

Receive 10% to 20% off family and single memberships, and get \$100 off initiation fees as a Jeffco schools employee.

Learn more by calling Brody Westcot at 303.988.1300

### **White House Black Market Jeffco Teacher Discount**

Jeffco teachers get 15% off with a valid school ID at White House / Black Market boutiques now through September 6.

Learn more by calling the Belmar boutique at 303.937.6046

### **Beyond the Blackboard Jeffco Employees Discount Day**

Draw for your discount on classroom supplies on Friday, August 20, and get year-round discounts as a Jeffco educator.

Learn more by calling Jean Boylan at 303.422.5151

### **Sweet Fundraising with Lola's Sugar Rush**

Partner with Lola's Sugar Rush in Littleton for a fundraising day sponsored by the candy store and its owner, a former Jeffco teacher.

Learn more by calling Lola's at 303.797.7874

### **Women's Bean Project BeanSprouts Fundraisers**

Partner with Denver-area non-profit Women's Bean Project to sell the organization's gourmet foods, jewelry and baskets for a 35% return.

Learn more by emailing Marcia Neville at

[marcian@womensbeanproject.com](mailto:marcian@womensbeanproject.com)

## Three outstanding Jeffco teachers honored with expanded Hero award

**It's easy to** feel that public education is under fire right now. With budget cuts, increased demands for student performance and changes in teacher compensation across the state, many educators say they feel their work is not as valued as it once was.

Reversing that sentiment and "providing public recognition for exceptional teachers across Jeffco Public Schools is what the My Teacher, My Hero award is all about," said Katie Tiernan, executive director of The Jefferson Foundation.

The honor, given annually to three Jeffco teachers from more than 8,500 across the district, is meant to shine light on the unsung heroes in our schools. Teachers are nominated for the award by their principals for criteria that include exemplary performance and dedication to their students and schools, innovation and inspiration in the classroom, and volunteer services to the school and wider community. Winning teachers this year include Sue Mogan, music teacher at Hackberry Hill Elementary School in Arvada; Susan Coveyduck, eighth

grade physical science teacher at Manning School in Golden; and Marsha Roman, special education teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton. Honorees will be recognized at a free-to-the-public event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 11 at Southwest Plaza's Community Stage.

My Teacher, My Hero is sponsored by The Jefferson Foundation, Southwest Plaza and the

*Columbine Courier* newspaper. Additional event sponsors include Jacqueline's Photography and Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen.

Find out more about the winning teachers and read each honoree's original nomination at [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org). To learn how your business or organization can become a sponsor of the My Teacher, My Hero event, call Anton Delgado at 303.982.2212.



From left: 2010 My Teacher, My Hero award winners Sue Mogan, Hackberry Hill Elementary School; Susan Coveyduck, Manning School; and Marsha Roman, Columbine High School. Photos courtesy of [www.jacquelinesphotography.com](http://www.jacquelinesphotography.com).

### Serving Kids program grows in 09-10; staff anticipate increased clothing demand in 10-11

**Bags and bags** of lost and found items from all over Jeffco schools arrived at The Jefferson Foundation over the summer. Coats and shirts—even pants—that were lost at school will see new life this school year when they are given away to students in need through the Serving Kids program.

Serving Kids, a joint project of The Jefferson Foundation, the Jefferson County Administrators Association, Jefferson County Educators Association, the Classified School Employees Association and Jeffco PTA, provides new and near-new clothing and shoes to students in all Jeffco schools. The program is funded entirely by donations and is operated strictly by volunteers.

In 2009-2010, the program:

- Gave away 14,000 articles of clothing
- Served more than 1,200 students from the District's early childhood programs through its high schools
- Provided an average of 12 items per student, including jeans, new underwear and socks, shirts and sweaters, coats, gloves and hats and even new shoes

"We expect to see even greater demand this coming year," said one of the program's founders, Nancy Hoffmaster.

The program is accessed via school staff—teachers and administrators request clothing items on behalf of their students in need.

To learn more about the program, visit JCAA's Serving Kids website at [www.jcaajeffco.org/servingkids/](http://www.jcaajeffco.org/servingkids/).

## Crystal Ball gala returns to Arvada Center

*Annual celebratory event to honor Jefferson County law enforcement departments and distinguished alumni Curt and Jane Gilmore*

**Hard to believe** that The Jefferson Foundation's signature fundraising event—the Crystal Ball gala—turns 25 this year. Since its inaugural night, the event has honored dozens of Jefferson County's most influential people and organizations for their work in Jeffco Public Schools. Additionally, the event has raised millions of dollars for The Jefferson Foundation's various programs and projects over the years.

The 2010 Crystal Ball, titled "Love Our Schools" to coincide with the Foundation's theme for the year, will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 6 at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities in Arvada. The event is chaired by Arvada Chief of Police and Jefferson Foundation board member Don Wick and his wife, Chery.

Honored guests will include 2010 Crystal Globe honoree Jefferson County law enforcement, including the municipal police departments from the county's numerous cities and the resource officers that work in Jeffco's schools. Crystal Globe honorees will also include the



Above: Jane and Curt Gilmore

county sheriff's department, Jeffco's district attorney and Jeffco schools security.

Curt and Jane Gilmore, longtime Jefferson Foundation supporters, Jeffco schools volunteers and graduates of Lakewood High School, will receive the 2010 Distinguished Alumni award.

Table sponsorships, event program advertisements and individual tickets are still available. **Call Katie Tiernan for more information: 303.982.2261.**



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## Upcoming Jefferson Foundation Events: Hope to see you there!

The Jefferson Foundation, Columbine  
Courier and Southwest Plaza present

### My Teacher My Hero

Honoring Jeffco educators as  
everyday heroes; featuring a  
performance by Hackberry Hill  
Elementary School's orchestra

The Community Stage at  
Southwest Plaza

**Saturday, September 11, 11:30 a.m.**

Join The Jefferson Foundation in  
support of the

### Second Wind Fund of Metro Denver Walk/Run/Ride

Raising awareness and money for  
metro Denver's largest teen suicide  
prevention organization

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

**Sunday, September 19, 9 a.m.**

The Jefferson Foundation presents

### Jeffco Community Night with the Colorado Rapids

Cheer on the Rapids as they battle  
DC United; discounted tickets for  
Jeffco families at

[www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org)

Dick's Sporting Goods Park,  
Commerce City

**Saturday, October 2, 7 p.m.**

The Jefferson Foundation presents

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Crystal Ball

Honoring Jeffco law enforcement and  
Curt and Jane Gilmore;

call 303.982.2210 to learn about  
sponsoring the event or purchasing  
tickets for this annual gala fundraiser  
Arvada Center

for the Arts & Humanities

**Saturday, November 6, 5:30 p.m.**

### Jeffco Public Schools Employee Giving Campaign

Help TJF reach its goal of 200 new  
Jeffco employees supporting its work  
through payroll donations of \$10 a  
month or more

Online at [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org)

**November 1 through December 15**

The Jefferson Foundation and the  
Serving Kids partnership presents

### Serving Kids Clothing Drives

Collecting jeans, coats and new  
underwear and socks for Jeffco's  
highest need students

The Jefferson Foundation,  
Southwest Plaza and other drop-off  
locations TBA

**November, December, & January**

The Jefferson Foundation presents

### Jeffco Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche

Cheer on the Avs as they battle the  
Montreal Canadiens; discounted  
tickets for Jeffco families at

[www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org) from

October 11 through December 10

Pepsi Center, Denver

**Sunday, December 19, 7 p.m.**

### Coming soon!

The Jefferson Foundation presents  
**Jeffco Community Night  
with the Denver Nuggets**

Discounted tickets and event details  
coming soon at

[www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org)

Stay tuned for more events  
happening in the coming year!

Want to sponsor an event?

Want to volunteer to help us  
with our programs?

**Give us a call!  
303-982-2210**



Thanks to a grant from the Salazar Literacy Initiative, a fund of The Jefferson Foundation, Peiffer Elementary School launched its innovative "Catch and Release" program. Over the summer, Peiffer "caught" struggling readers and provided them additional reading instruction. In the 2010-2011 school year, the program will "release" gifted readers from regular classes to participate in accelerated reading programs. The program was one of several funded by the Salazar Literacy Initiative in 2010; funds will be available again in Spring 2011. Pictured from left: Karen Greer, Peiffer special education teacher; Mary Ellen Covino, Peiffer special education teacher and J. Chris Davis, Peiffer reading specialist, work with "Catch" students over the summer.

### About The Jefferson Foundation . . .

Incorporated in 1983, The Jefferson Foundation is the oldest continuous 501c3 nonprofit K-12 education foundation in Colorado. As an independent nonprofit organization, it raises funds, develops strategic partnerships and supports important programs and projects that enhance public education in Jefferson County. With more than 86,000 students and 12,500 employees, Jeffco Public Schools is the largest school district in the state.

The Jefferson Foundation strives to be the gold standard in educational foundations in Colorado. Its mission, to support Jeffco Public Schools in preparing all students for a successful future, is affirmed in 2010-2011 with a focus on closing achievement gaps and further increasing graduation rates.

For more information on The Jefferson Foundation, please visit [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org).