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“Eat for Education” returns with expanded menu

For nearly a decade, The Jefferson Foundation has partnered with Lakewood eatery 240 Union to combine fine dining with fundraising for programs and projects in Jeffco Public Schools. In 2011, the annual “Eat for Education” fundraising event is expanding to 10 additional restaurants across Jefferson County, all with the goal of highlighting community businesses that support their local schools.

“We support the schools because they need our efforts to deliver the quality education that our kids deserve,” said Evergreen’s Willow Creek Restaurant General Manager Kristopher Lincoln. Kristopher and her husband, Curtis, who is Willow Creek’s chef and owner, have two children in Jeffco Public Schools and were among the first restaurant owners in Jefferson County to sign up for the event.

All day Tuesday, February 8, the Foundation will hold an Eat for Education kickoff event at 240 Union and the

restaurant will donate 25% of its food sales that day to the Foundation. Diners are encouraged to make reservations in advance.

In addition, all day on Wednesday, February 9, ten additional restaurants up and down Jefferson County will also participate by donating a portion of their sales to The Jefferson Foundation. Reservations are suggested. Diners should tell their wait staff and hosts that they support The Jefferson Foundation’s Eat for Education.

“The concept is to put your money where your house is, so to speak, by dining out in locally-owned restaurants that support our neighborhood schools,” said Foundation executive director Katie Tiernan.

A complete list of all participating restaurants, including restaurant addresses and links to restaurant websites, is available on The Jefferson Foundation’s website at www.jeffersonfoundation.org.



Special TJF literacy initiative to award \$75,000 this spring



Vivian Elementary School students went to the “beach” with Celebration of Reading, a three-week literacy intensive program funded by a Salazar Literacy Initiative grant in Summer 2010. The program provided effective and fun literacy interventions to struggling readers in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

Thanks to the generosity of the Salazar Family Foundation, the Jefferson Foundation’s Salazar Literacy Initiative will award \$75,000 in grant funds to schools and community organizations tackling literacy achievement gaps among Jeffco Public Schools students this spring.

The projected awards total is up from the \$50,000 The Jefferson Foundation anticipated awarding because of a second gift from the Salazar Family Foundation this fall.

Application information is available on the Special Initiatives page at www.jeffersonfoundation.org. Only schools and organizations directly serving Jeffco Public Schools students are eligible. The deadline for grant applications is 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 31.

Jeffco families, employees cheer home team to victory at Avalanche Community Night

Despite a sixth consecutive Colorado Avalanche win over the Montreal Canadiens, The Jefferson Foundation was the real winner of the Jeffco Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche December 19 at the Pepsi Center.

Nearly 4,200 Jeffco ticket-holders helped create a sell-out crowd for the game. Tickets were available at a deep discount through a special Jefferson Foundation promotion.

Five Jeffco schools sold more than 700 tickets among them. Ticket holders from those schools—Jefferson Academy, Dennison, Powderhorn, Ryan and Westwood elementaries—were invited to come out onto the ice for a free skate before or after the game. Other Jeffco ticket-holders were selected for memorable rides on the Zamboni and a chance to view the ice from the team's bench before the game started.

Tickets are now available for Jeffco families and employees to attend Jeffco Community Night with the Denver Nuggets. That event features the Denver Nuggets at home against the Washington Wizards on Friday, March 25. Tickets will be just \$15, and seating will be all over the arena, a \$28 to \$98 value. Student ticket-holders from top-selling schools will get to high-five players as they enter the arena, sit on the Nuggets bench and shoot around on the court before or after the game.

To purchase tickets, visit www.jeffersonfoundation.org before March 18.

"Working with the Avalanche and Nuggets is one of the easiest and most enjoyable fundraising activities we do all year," said Foundation Fund Development Committee Chair Susy Fischer. "Everyone has a great time. and it's a terrific familv event."



Representatives from The Jefferson Foundation were recognized during the second intermission of Jeffco Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche on December 19. The event raised more than \$8,000 for The Jefferson Foundation, and nearly 4,200 individuals from Jeffco Public Schools attended the game. The Avalanche beat the Montreal Canadiens 3 to 2 on Av's left wing T.J. Gallardi's second-period game winning goal.

Looking for additional resources for your school, nonprofit or students? Check out these upcoming grants, scholarships, fundraisers and discounts!

The Jefferson Foundation researches opportunities to help schools and community organizations do more. The following resources include The Jefferson Foundation Grants, as well as grants not affiliated with the 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 Foundation eNewsletter at newsletter@jeffersonfoundation.org*

Westerra Credit Union School Grants

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

Learn more at www.westerracu.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: February 18.*

Learn more at www.toolboxforeducation.com

The Jefferson Foundation's Salazar Literacy Initiative Grants

Grants of \$2,000 to \$9,000 help Jeffco schools and community groups eliminate literacy achievement gaps. *Deadline: March 31.*

Learn more at jeffersonfoundation.org/special/index.html

The Jefferson Foundation General Program Grants

Grants of \$2,000 to \$7,000 to support innovative programs and projects benefiting Jeffco students. *Deadline: April 30.*

Learn more at jeffersonfoundation.org/funding/index.html

CollegInColorado Scholarship Database

Search for scholarships posted on a massive, state-wide database and use online tools to plan for college.

Learn more at www.collegeincolorado.org.

Ruthie's Fund Teacher Scholarship for Colorado Writing Project

Jeffco teachers can apply for a \$250 stipend to attend a Colorado Writing Project summer workshop. *Deadline: April 1, 2011*

Learn more at: www.jeffersonfoundation.org

The Jefferson Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarships

Review and apply for a dozen post-secondary scholarships for Jeffco graduates that are managed by The Jefferson Foundation. Deadlines and eligibility requirements vary; applications available on the website or in school counseling offices.

Learn more at: www.jeffersonfoundation.org

Gloria Barron Prize

Recognizing youth ages 8 to 18 for the positive difference they make in their communities. *Deadline: April 30*

Learn more at: www.barronprize.org

Jeffco Coupons.com

A website featuring printable coupons for goods and services at more than 60 Jefferson County businesses; check them out on Facebook and Twitter, too. Founded by a Jeffco alumni, JeffcoCoupons.com donates 5% of its advertising revenue to The Jefferson Foundation.

Learn more at www.jeffcocoupons.com

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

Complete Spectrum Financial Services Fundraisers

Host a free financial education seminar with speakers from Complete Spectrum and receive a donation of up to \$5,000. No sales involved.

Learn more by calling Don Huff at 303.979.5552

Jefferson Foundation board welcomes new members

Foundation's governing group says goodbye to three long-time volunteers

Like all 501c3 organizations, The Jefferson Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors. This group of community members sets the strategic direction for the organization and assists in fundraising to ensure the Foundation has adequate resources to fulfill its mission of supporting Jeffco Public Schools in preparing all students for a successful future.

This December, the Foundation said goodbye to Stan Dempsey, executive director of the Colorado Petroleum Association and former Foundation board president; Jeff Lamontagne, co-founder and executive director of Second Wind Fund, Inc and also a former TJF board president; and Les Willson, senior vice president at Stifel Nicolaus and Co. and the Foundation's long-time board treasurer. As a group, the three

gave nearly 20 years of service to The Jefferson Foundation.

At the same time, the organization welcomed three new board members. Melinda Delmonico, president and CEO of Gibson Arnold and Associates and a resident of Golden; Kristi Wimbish, a freelance graphic designer living in the Ralston Valley area; and George Kowach, community bank manager at Mutual of Omaha Bank in Golden, who resides in the Bear Creek area.

"The Foundation's board is made of truly dedicated community members, and our new additions are no exception," said Katie Tiernan, the Foundation's executive director.

To learn more about the Foundation's board, visit www.jeffersonfoundation.org.

Jeffco IT Service Desk staff pass the hat to support TJF's new Homeless Services Fund



Photo: Jeffco IT Service Desk staff collected donations this December to benefit The Jefferson Foundation's new Homeless Services Fund, which helps the school district meet the needs of Jeffco's more than 2,300 homeless students. (L to R): Back Row: Rick Rogers, John Brosseau, Luther Augenstein, Matt Maske. Middle Row: Jean Tweed, Becky Jo Bigsby, Mary Marosy, Roberta Morris, Kim Witters, Alice Graves, Nancy McCannless, Billie Wolfe, Kathe Meineke. Front Row: Katie Tiernan (The Jefferson Foundation), Laura Schreiber, Karen Hurlbert, Jeanne Swartwood, Sheree Conyers (Homeless Services, Jeffco Public Schools.)

Student "Heroes" to be honored at special event

Eight high school seniors from around Jeffco Public Schools have been awarded the 2011 My Student, My Hero award from The Jefferson Foundation, Columbine Courier and Southwest Plaza. The award honors students who demonstrate academic excellence and community leadership while overcoming personal obstacles. The 2011 winners are: Lyle Sisson, Arvada West; Courtney Gamble, Bear Creek; Cassandra Pearman, Brady Exploration; Kaitlyn Smith, Conifer; Andrea Acker, Dakota Ridge; Haley Rowan, Evergreen; Jillian Conrad, Jeffco 21st Century Virtual Academy; and Rachael Talley, Jefferson Academy Secondary. Students will be feted at an awards ceremony Saturday, March 12. For more information about My Student, My Hero, visit www.jeffersonfoundation.org.

Foundation's annual gala, Crystal Ball, wows audience again

Jeffco Public Schools' partnerships with law enforcement agencies were lauded as The Jefferson Foundation celebrated its 25th Crystal Ball. The event raised nearly \$150,000 for the organization's work in Jeffco Public Schools. CBS4 news anchor Jim Benemann emceed the event, which started off with a rousing version of "Thriller" by the Arvada High School marching band.

The theme was "Love Our Schools," and the night featured students of Jeffco schools including Edgewater Elementary student greeters, the Arvada High School string quartet, members of West Chamber's Youth Leadership Jefferson County Class of 2011 and Jefferson High School's SPIN theater and TROOP step teams.

One of the highlights was recognizing law enforcement agencies in Jeffco Public Schools, with the prestigious Crystal Globe Award. At no cost to the schools, municipal police from Westminster to Littleton, Evergreen to Edgewater, and the Jeffco Sheriff supply 35 full-time School

Resource Officers (SROs) and program coordinators.

Presenting the honor was Deer Creek Middle School counselor and Jefferson Foundation Board Member, Cindy Ayde.

"From the Standard Response Protocol, developed by the I Love U Guys Foundation and implemented district-wide, to the Safe2Tell text and email service that alerts us when our students feel in danger, Jeffco's law enforcement community are exemplary," Ayde said.

Accepting the Distinguished Jeffco Public Schools Alumni Award

were long time volunteers, Jane and Curt Gilmore, graduates of Lakewood High School. The Gilmores are also parents and grandparents of Jeffco school students. They encouraged everyone to volunteer in their local schools and be a participant in public education. "If you want a healthy community, you have to get involved," said Jane Gilmore.

Crystal Ball is the largest single fundraising event supporting the programs of The Jefferson Foundation annually. For more information or to sponsor or volunteer at the event, call Katie Tiernan at 303.982.2261.

Photo: Westminster School Resource Officer Kurt Frenzel is greeted by Edgewater Elementary students at the 2010 Crystal Ball gala, benefiting The Jefferson Foundation. School Resource officers and law enforcement agencies around Jefferson County were honored with the Foundation's Crystal Globe for Distinguished Service.





Upcoming Jefferson Foundation Events: Hope to see you there!

Coming soon!

The Jefferson Foundation presents
Jeffco Community Night with the Denver Outlaws
Discounted tickets online at www.jeffersonfoundation.org
Invesco Field at Mile High
Saturday, May 14, 7 p.m.

The Jefferson Foundation presents
26th Annual Crystal Ball
Arvada Center
for the Arts & Humanities
Saturday, October 15, 5:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for more events happening in the coming year!

We need your help!

Would you like to sponsor an event?

Volunteer with our programs?

Help us put together events and fundraising activities?

Give us a call at 303-982-2210!

The Jefferson Foundation's
Equity & Excellence Art Show
Opening Reception
Education Center Lobby
1829 Denver West Drive,
February 3 through April 5

Put your money where your house is!
Eat for Education at 240 Union
25% of food sales to TJF
Tuesday, February 8, all day

Put your money where your house is!
Eat for Education across
Jefferson County
Portion of food sales to TJF
Wednesday, February 9, all day

Join The Jefferson Foundation at
Arvada Wheat Ridge
Service Ambassadors
for Youth (AWRSAY) Awards
Arvada West High School
Wednesday, March 9, 6 p.m.

The Jefferson Foundation's
Elementary School Art Show
Artist Celebration
Red Rocks Community College
Friday, March 11, 5 p.m.

The Jefferson Foundation,
Columbine Courier
and Southwest Plaza present
2011 My Student, My Hero
Southwest Plaza
Saturday, March 12, 11:30 a.m.

The Jefferson Foundation presents
A Jeffco Community Night with
the Denver Nuggets
Discounted tickets online at
www.jeffersonfoundation.org
Denver Nuggets vs. Washington
Wizards
Pepsi Center
Friday, March 25, 7 p.m.

The Jefferson Foundation's
Middle School Arts Show
Artists Celebration
Lakewood Cultural Center
Friday, April 15, 5 p.m.

The Jefferson Foundation presents
"Love Our Schools!" Luncheon
Fundraiser highlighting programs
supported by the Foundation
To RSVP, call 303.982.2210
Sheraton Denver West Hotel
Thursday, April 21, 11:30 a.m.

The Jefferson Foundation's
High School Art Show
Awards Ceremony
Arvada Center for the Arts
& Humanities
Monday, April 25, 6 p.m.

The Jefferson Foundation presents
Jeffco Public Schools Employee
Values Awards
Arvada Center for the Arts &
Humanities
Wednesday, April 27, 3 p.m.

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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 nearly 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. A volunteer Board of Directors helps set our programming goals and provides financial and strategic oversight to our activities.

For more information on supporting The Jefferson Foundation or working with us on grant-funded projects, please visit www.jeffersonfoundation.org.