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Lights On After School program returns to Jeffco

Now in its 5th year, the Lights On After School (LOAS) program will once again offer \$200,000 in funding for innovative after school programs around Jefferson County Public Schools.

The LOAS program is a partnership among **The Jefferson Foundation, Mile High United Way and Jeffco Public Schools**. LOAS funds support programs that keep students engaged in school through academic assistance, enrichment activities and community service programs. The program's ultimate goal is to promote on-time grade progression and keep Jeffco's graduation rate among the highest in the Denver area.

In the 2010-2011, 26 Jeffco schools and programs affecting more than 2,600 students were impacted by LOAS funding. Preliminary analysis of the programs found that LOAS students, regardless of ethnicity, age or gender, feel safer at school, feel they have a positive relationship with an adult role model, attend day school more regularly, participate in class more often and are improving their grades and academic performance,

and solve interpersonal problems.

"We are proud of these results. The program helps instill among our students powerful protective factors against dropping out of school," said Katie Tiernan, Jefferson Foundation executive director.

As in the previous year, the LOAS program will again require schools receiving funding to develop a significant relationship with a community partner to help create high-quality programs. Partners in the 2010-2011 school year included Foothills Parks and Recreation District, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, the Miner's Alley Playhouse, the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities and many more.

Grants ranging from \$4,000 to \$8,000 will be awarded, and the funding process is competitive. Proposals are being reviewed by community volunteers and representatives from the program partnership, and funding decisions will be made before Labor Day.

Funded proposals will be announced on Tuesday, September 6, and programming will run through May 14.



Top: Thomson Elementary School in Arvada used a LOAS grant to partner with Girls on the Run to create a girls' running club. In addition to weekly runs culminating in a 5K race in Denver, the girls also worked on activities that promote self-esteem and positive role modeling. Above: Dakota Ridge High School used a LOAS grant to create a mentorship group for freshman students. The school partnered with The Ridge Recreation Center to provide homework help, teambuilding and recreational opportunities for 20 at-risk freshman students.

Foundation picks up award-winning science program



Mobile Science Show instructors Nancy Gettman and Bruce Hogue demonstrate principles of chemistry by making ice cream with dry ice at the Teacher Summer Workshop for middle school teachers.

The Jefferson Foundation expanded its offering of core programs to five for the 2011-2012 school year by adopting the **Mobile Science Show**, a hands-on science education program with more than 20 years of history in Jeffco Public Schools.

Founded by former Bear Creek High School chemistry teacher and National Presidential Award for Excellence winner Sue Anne Berger, the program provides hands-on science demonstrations to students in schools around the Front Range. The program also offers a one-week professional development program, complete with take-home materials and lessons, to middle and elementary school science teachers. The Mobile Science Show reaches more than 4,000 students annually.

Click on "Core Programs" at <http://jeffersonfoundation.org/> to learn more.

Three of Jeffco's best teachers to be honored at 9th annual My Teacher, My Hero event at Southwest Plaza

The Jefferson Foundation joins event partners Southwest Plaza and the *Columbine Courier* in celebrating Jeffco teachers at the My Teacher, My Hero event this September.

Teachers honored with the award this year are: **Holly Seefried**, of Westgate Elementary School; **Carla Sullivan** of North Arvada Middle School, and **Briant McKellips** of D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School.

Principal Terry Elliott of D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School encapsulated the My Teacher, My Hero in his nomination of physics teacher McKellips when he quoted former D'Evelyn student Matthew Conn: "I'm grateful that he didn't let me get away with turning in the junk I called 'my best.' I hope he continues challenging underachieving high school students for years to come!"

"Despite new challenges, Jeffco continues to be one of the best districts in the nation," said Katie Tiernan, Jefferson Foundation executive

director. "It isn't rocket science—our schools are good because we have an excellent teacher in every classroom."

Teachers were nominated by their principals and selected by representatives of the award sponsors.

The celebration event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24 at the Southwest Plaza Community Stage.

The **Ken Caryl Players** drama troupe will perform in honor of the teachers, and Superintendent of Jeffco Public Schools **Dr. Cindy Stevenson** will emcee the event. Additional sponsors include **Jacqueline's Photography**. Winning teachers will also receive a \$100 classroom honoraria from The Jefferson Foundation.

More information about the honorees and the event is available at http://jeffersonfoundation.org/news_events/sep-tember/myteachermyhero.html

Check out our grants, scholarships, fundraisers and discounts!

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*

I Love My Librarian Award

\$5,000 award and a trip to New York for exceptional school librarians. *Deadline: 9/12/11*
<http://atyourlibrary.org/ilovemylibrarian>

Westerra Credit Union School Grants

Grants of \$400 - \$700 for Jeffco programs
Deadline: 9/15/11
www.westerracu.com

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants

Up to \$5,000 to provide high-quality education to students. *Deadline: 10/15/11*
www.toolboxforeducation.com

NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants

Up to \$5,000 to public school teachers to improve student achievement. *Deadline: 10/15/11*
www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/

State Farm Company Grants

Grants to 501c3 organizations for safety, and education programming. *Deadline: 10/31/11*
www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/community.asp

Do Something Youth Development Grants

Up to \$500 for community action projects led by youth under age 25. *Deadline: 12/1/11*
www.dosomething.org/grants/general

Whole Kids Foundation School Garden Grants

Whole Foods Market new philanthropy program to fund school garden projects. *Deadline: Rolling*
www.wholekidsfoundation.org

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Music Grants

Funding for instrument repair and purchase for school music programs. *Deadline: Open*
www.mhopus.org/apply

Sweet fundraising with Lola's Sugar Rush!

Partner with former Jeffco educator Lola Salazar and her candy store, Lola's Sugar Rush, to raise money! Call Lola's for information: 303.797.7874

Chipotle Sponsorships and Donations

Chipotle Mexican Grill event sponsorships, in-store fundraisers, auction and event donations and more.
www.chipotle.com/en-US/company/philanthropy.aspx

Discounts for educators at The Limited!

This August, bring your school ID and show it at checkout to receive 15% of your entire purchase at participating The Limited stores!

Women's Bean Project BeanSprouts

Partner with non-profit Women's Bean Project to sell gourmet foods, jewelry and baskets for a 35% return. Email marcian@womensbeanproject.com



Jeffco Schools Costume Shop, a project of The Jefferson Foundation, is open for business!

The Costume Shop houses tens of thousands of costumes and props for classroom projects, theater productions and special events. Stop in and start playing dress-up!

Location: On the west side of 809 Quail Street, Building #1, Lakewood

Phone: 303-982-2292

Hours: Monday and Thursday only, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. during the regular school year.

Costume Rental: Costumes are available for loan to the students of Jeffco Public Schools at no charge. Community members are invited to rent costumes for a suggested donation.

More Info:

http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org/core_programs/costume_shop.html



Thanks to the tireless work of volunteers and the support of Jeffco's employee associations, the Jeffco PTA, The Jefferson Foundation and hundreds of donors, the **Serving Kids** program will be back for the 2011-2012 school year.

Last year, the program served nearly 1,100 students in Jeffco Public Schools by providing them a week's worth of clean, appropriate clothing, including shoes and coats.

A very special thank you to the **Kiwanis Club of Lakewood** and **Pam Purvis of Purvis Jewelers** in Lakewood for raising and donating \$1,500 to support the program this year. Their gift will provide a week's worth of clothing, including shoes and coats, to more than 225 students around Jeffco.

Donations of clothing and cash are always appreciated. Clothing is washed and delivered to students at their schools, and cash donations are used to purchase new underwear and socks, or to buy clothing in sizes that have not been donated.

To learn more, request clothing, or to volunteer to help wash clothes and fill requests, please visit <http://www.icaajeffco.org/servingkids/>.

Salazar Family Foundation again funds Jeffco literacy

In partnership with the **Salazar Family Foundation**, The Jefferson Foundation announced nearly \$40,000 in literacy grants to schools and community organizations for the **2011 Salazar Literacy Initiative**.

"The Salazar Literacy Initiative enables us to fund projects that address identified achievement gaps," said Katie Tiernan, executive director of The Jefferson Foundation. "It's a focused way to develop innovative approaches to literacy, and combined with excellent teaching in all our schools, it helps our schools develop strong readers and writers."

The Jefferson Foundation awarded literacy grants to **Mortensen, Westridge, Vivian and Fairmount elementary schools** and to **Spellbinders** and the **Gold Crown Foundation**, community nonprofit groups working with Jeffco Public Schools. Funded projects vary by school and community organization.

One project, the Vivian Elementary School Summer Reading Safari, seeks to combat summer reading loss among students. Participating students received summertime instruction and backpacks filled with books for practice, and students took school-bus safaris to the Denver Zoo and Butterfly Pavilion to practice their reading and writing skills "in the wild." Though full data are not yet available, initial results show that students improved their reading proficiency by up to 30% over the course of the three-week program.

Literacy grants through the initiative are funded by former Jeffco educator Lola Salazar and her family through their Salazar Family Foundation. Since 1999, the Salazar Family Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million to Jeffco literacy programs.

Grants are available annually. More information is available at www.jeffersonfoundation.org/special/salazar.html

Jefferson Foundation Board of Directors installs officers: elects new members

Like all nonprofit organizations, The Jefferson Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Foundation Board welcomed a new slate of officers for 2011-2012:

- **President: Emily Robinson** (President, FirstBank Arvada)
- **President-Elect: Susy Fischer** (President, Freeman Insurance West)
- **Treasurer: George Kowach** (Community Bank Manager, Mutual of Omaha Bank Golden)
- **Secretary: Melinda Delmonico** (President and CEO, Gibson Arnold & Associates)
- **Past-President: Lori Hoffner** (President, Supporting CommUnity, Inc.)

In addition, **Jason Astle** (Associate Attorney, Wheeler Trigg O'Donell, LLP), **Keith Evans** (Vice President Marketing, Sales and Business Development, Kaiser Permanente Colorado), **Mike Haley** (Senior Broker Associate, Miller Frishman Brokerage Services, LLC) and **Scott Browning** (Partner, Rothgerber, Johnson and Lyons, LLP)

26th Annual Crystal Ball gala to fete Distinguished Jeffco Alumnus, Rep. Ed Perlmutter

As any teacher will tell you, seeing your former students grown and successful is one of the best parts of being an educator.

Surely the 1970-1971 school year staff at **Jefferson High School** have realized that axiom as they watch **US Congressman Ed Perlmutter**, a Jefferson High School Class of '71 graduate.

On a visit to his alma mater last winter, Perlmutter told students that he had an exceptional education at the school.

"I had excellent teachers who really inspired me to want to be more," he said.

To make sure generations of Jeffco Public Schools students find inspiration and excellence in education, **The Jefferson Foundation** will celebrate and fundraise for important programs at its **26th Annual Crystal Ball gala**.

The gala, to be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 15 at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, will honor Rep. Perlmutter and the five chambers of commerce serving Jefferson County's cities.

"Crystal Ball is a celebration of Jeffco Public Schools and the magic that occurs every day in our classrooms," said **Katie Tiernan**, executive director of The Jefferson Foundation. "Is there anything more magical than seeing a community

come together to develop the next generation of leadership?"

Rep. Perlmutter will receive the **2011 Distinguished Jeffco Public Schools Alumni Award**. After two terms in the Colorado Senate, he was elected to represent the 7th U.S. Congressional District in 2006. He has garnered a reputation as a bipartisan bridge-builder and a champion of education.

The **Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce** will receive the **2011 Crystal Globe for Distinguished Service Award**. Representing the communities of Arvada, Conifer, Edgewater, Evergreen, Golden, Lakewood, Littleton, Morrison, Wheat Ridge and Westminster, the Chambers of Commerce are the engines for economic growth in Jefferson County. Through various programs and support of Jeffco Public Schools and students, the Arvada, Conifer, Evergreen, Golden and West Chamber Serving Jefferson County promote investment in our schools and the growth of an educated workforce.

This annual fundraising event is attended by more than 400 Jeffco Public Schools supporters and community leaders from around the metro area. The event features performances by students in Jeffco Public Schools, and will be emceed by CBS4's Critic-at-Large Greg Moody.



To purchase Crystal Ball tickets, place congratulatory ads in the event programs, donate items for a silent auction or to learn more about The Jefferson Foundation, please call 303-982-2210 or visit us at www.jeffersonfoundation.org



Rep. Ed Perlmutter (Jefferson HS, 1971) receives the 2011 Distinguished Jeffco Schools Alumni Award at Crystal Ball.



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**Red Rocks Community
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Join us at these upcoming Jeffco community events!

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**Second Wind Fund of
Metro Denver's
5K Music Festival**

Raising money and awareness for teen
suicide prevention
Sunday, 9/18/11, Noon
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

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Jeffco PTA Fall Training

Information about fundraising,
organization management and
membership for Jeffco's local unit PTAs
Saturday, 9/24/11, all day
Bear Creek High School

Join The Jefferson Foundation

**Jeffco Community Night with the
Colorado Rapids**

Raising money for the Foundation and
celebrating Jeffco with discounted tickets
and fan appreciation activities
Saturday, 10/1/11, 7 p.m.
Dick's Sporting Goods Park
Purchase discounted tickets:
www.jeffersonfoundation.org

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**The Jefferson Foundation's
26th Annual Crystal Ball
"Believe in the Magic"**

Fundraising for the students of Jeffco
Public Schools
Saturday, 10/15/11, 5:30 p.m.
**Arvada Center for the
Arts & Humanities**
Purchase Tickets: 303.982.2210

Join The Jefferson Foundation
**Jeffco Community Night with the
Colorado Avalanche**

Raising money for the Foundation and
celebrating Jeffco with discounted tickets
and fan appreciation activities
Friday, 12/2/11, 7 p.m.
Pepsi Center

Purchase discounted tickets:
www.jeffersonfoundation.org

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

Raising money for the Foundation and
celebrating Jeffco with discounted tickets
and fan appreciation activities
Friday, 3/9/11, 7 p.m.
Pepsi Center

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www.jeffersonfoundation.org

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Eat for Education at 240 Union
25% of food sales to benefit The
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Portion of food sales to benefit The
Jefferson Foundation and Jeffco Public
Schools

The Jefferson Foundation presents
2012 Equity and Excellence Art Show
Celebrating diversity through artistry
**Jeffco Public Schools Central
Administrative Building, Denver West**

The Jefferson Foundation presents
2012 Elementary School Art Show
Celebrating Jeffco's young artists
Red Rocks Community College

The Jefferson Foundation presents
2012 Middle School Art Show
Celebrating Jeffco's growing artists
Lakewood Cultural Center

The Jefferson Foundation presents
2012 High School Art Show
Celebrating Jeffco's master artists and
awarding scholarships and cash prizes
**Arvada Center for the Arts
& Humanities**

The Jefferson Foundation presents
"Love Our Schools!" Luncheon
Fundraiser highlighting programs
supported by the Foundation
Location to be determined...

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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 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 fulfilled by a focus on addressing the ever-changing, unmet needs of students in Jeffco and by building a stronger Jeffco Public Schools community. 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.