



Your Legacy Partnership with The Jefferson Foundation will provide forever funding for:

Our Core Programs:

- Serving Kids Clothing Program
- Lights On After School Programming
- The Costume Room School Theater Resources

Our Program Grant Opportunities for Schools and Nonprofits:

- Art and Music Enrichment Programs
- Teacher Professional Development
- Classroom Grants
- Literacy & Academic Program Funding
- And Much, Much More

Why become a Legacy Partner of The Jefferson Foundation?

- Colorado has the fastest-growing child poverty rate in the nation.
- Colorado ranks 40th in absolute per-pupil spending for K-12 education.
- In Jeffco schools, the number of homeless students has grown to 2,400 in 2010.
- Only 8 percent of Americans include charitable bequests in their will.
- Only 42 percent of Americans die with a will.

Photos: 1) Jefferson Foundation and Mile High United Way funded Lights On After School (LOAS) Homework Club at Secrest Elementary. 2) Pennington Elementary LOAS Kindergartners get up to speed on reading and interactive skills. 3) Footbills Elementary LOAS Computer Club. 4 & 5) "Books for Kids," a fund of The Jefferson Foundation established by retired Jeffco employees, gives books to encourage reading skills.

The Jefferson Foundation was established in 1983 by a group of citizens who identified the need to involve community, civic, cultural and business institutions in support of Jeffco Public Schools.

The Foundation has provided over \$9 million in support for a variety of programs that enhance the educational opportunities for Jeffco students.

As budgets and programs are reduced, The Jefferson Foundation needs your help *now more than ever* to continue its valuable work.



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In 2009, retired Wheat Ridge High School art teacher **Joe Wetherbee** passed away.



In 2010, he provided art supplies, funded student art shows and paid for theatre and cultural enrichment activities for thousands of students in Jeffco Public Schools. . .



Legacy Giving



Joe Wetherbee wanted his students to appreciate art in every day life.

To continue his life's work, his wife, Betty, established the **Betty and Joe Wetherbee Art and Music Fund** at The Jefferson Foundation. With their permanently endowed fund, the Wetherbees have ensured that kids will be able to explore their creative options for years to come.

Charitable Bequests

By leaving a legacy through a gift in your will, pre-tax retirement plan or life insurance policy, you provide forever funding for the important programs of The Jefferson Foundation.

A gift to the Foundation does not have to be large to make a difference. Even modest donations can have a big impact over time.

Some people think they must choose between leaving a gift to their family or to their favorite charity. You can do both, and some charitable gifts may actually save your family money by decreasing inheritance taxes.

Photos: 1) Joe Wetherbee started teaching at Wheat Ridge High School in 1950. His compassion and dedication to his students earned their love and devotion. Said one former student: "He encouraged us. He listened to us. He spread his love of art to everyone." 2) Betty Wetherbee visits a Jeffco Schools classroom where her Legacy Gift helped pay for enrichment activities. 3) The Betty and Joe Wetherbee Art and Music Fund, a fund of The Jefferson Foundation, will provide enrichment to generations of Jeffco Public Schools students.

Join Betty Wetherbee and other education advocates and become a Legacy Partner to The Jefferson Foundation!

Start today!

It's easy. A simple directive in your will can provide support to The Jefferson Foundation that will make a difference in the lives of Jeffco Public Schools students forever.

- Make sure you have an up-to-date will or living trust that reflects your charitable objectives. Without these documents, you may surrender control of your property and assets to the Colorado courts upon your death.
- Contact your certified financial planner and ask for help in establishing a charitable gift. If you do not have a certified financial planner, contact the Colorado Financial Planning Association at www.cofpa.org or at 303.450.0515.
- You can also leave gifts of stock, real estate, insurance policies and personal property.
- You may achieve additional tax savings by making The Jefferson Foundation a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA.

Questions? Please call Katie Tiernan, Executive Director of The Jefferson Foundation, at 303-982-2261 or email her at katietiernan@jeffersonfoundation.org.

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I would like to become a Jefferson Foundation Legacy Partner. Please contact me:

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

- I would like to make a contribution of property and/or stock.
- I wish to make a one-time monetary donation to support your work in Jeffco Public Schools and include my check made payable to The Jefferson Foundation.

Please mail to:
 The Jefferson Foundation, 809 Quail Street, Building #1, Lakewood, CO 80215. Make a secure on-line donation with your credit card at www.jeffersonfoundation.org. *Thank you!*

