
McCormick Foundation and Denver Post Support Low-Income Youth and Literacy Programs through Denver Post Charities

Chicago, November 15, 2011 — The [Robert R. McCormick Foundation](#) and the [Denver Post](#) have announced \$408,000 in third-quarter funding through [Denver Post Charities](#), a McCormick Foundation Fund, which will help 32 nonprofit organizations provide a broad range of programs helping low-income youth achieve academic success, complete high school, and enter post-secondary education or vocation programs.

Since 1992, over 1,600 grants totaling more than \$55 million have been granted through Denver Post Charities to nonprofit organizations providing support to those in need across the greater Denver metropolitan region. The McCormick Foundation matches all gifts at 50 cents on the dollar, increasing the impact of individual contributions. The Foundation and Denver Post pay all campaign and administrative costs, ensuring that 100 percent of all donations, plus the match, is granted to local nonprofit agencies with programs that improve the lives of children, families and adults across the Denver community.

The 2011, third-quarter grant recipients include:

1. [Adams 14 Education Foundation](#) will receive **\$15,000** for the Jump Start program, which provides resources such as phonics software, ESL workbooks and teacher workshops in schools serving students with low-English and grade-level proficiency.
2. [Arrupe Jesuit High School](#) will receive **\$10,000** for Tuition Assistance, which enables low-income students to achieve their higher education goals.
3. [Arvada Council for the Arts and Humanities](#) will receive **\$15,000** for the 2012 Season of Children's Theater & Arts Day programs, which offer hands-on arts programming and discounted tickets to pre-K through 12th grade public school students.
4. [Bennie E. Goodwin After School Academic Program](#) will receive **\$10,000** for general support. The agency's after school and summer programs help at-risk, underperforming, 1st - 8th grade students raise their reading and math skills, while also providing food and clothing.
5. [Bluff Lake Nature Center](#) will receive **\$10,000** for the Elementary Science Education programs, which are aligned with state standards and provide classroom and center-based instruction to 1st - 6th grade students in underperforming schools.
6. [Central City Opera](#) will receive **\$10,000** for the Education & Community program, which offers performances, classroom instruction, school residencies and teacher training.
7. [Children's Museum of Denver](#) will receive **\$20,000** for the Get Caught Reading program, a month-long series of early literacy and arts activities for 991 low-income children.
8. [Children's Outreach Project](#) will receive **\$5,000** for the Quality Preschool Matters program, an early education initiative providing parenting skills, home-based early literacy and school readiness activities for 184 at-risk children.
9. [Colorado Museum of Natural History](#) (DBA: Denver Museum of Nature and Science) will receive **\$15,000** for the School and Scholarship programs, which provide financial aid to help low-income students participate in science classes, workshops and activities at the Museum and their schools.
10. [Colorado Parent and Child Foundation](#) will receive **\$7,500** for the HIPPY and PAT programs, providing home-based, parent involved, early childhood education and parenting training, including up-to-date information on child development and services within the community.

11. [Colorado Women's Employment and Education Incorporated](#) (DBA: Center for Work Education and Employment) will receive **\$20,000** for the Adult Basic Education program, which provides classes to low-income, single parents to develop skills and ensure workplace readiness and meaningful employment.
12. [Colorado Youth at Risk](#) will receive a total of **\$10,000** for general support. The agency offers mentorship, academic and leadership programs for low-income high school students.
13. [Colorado Youth for a Change](#) will receive **\$10,000** for general support. The agency provides academic tutoring, counseling and support services to low-income students failing core 9th grade courses, and for former dropouts who have re-enrolled in school.
14. [Denver Public Library Friends Foundation](#) will receive **\$20,000** for the Read Aloud program, a free literacy program designed to ensure that educationally at-risk preschool children will enter kindergarten prepared for learning.
15. [Emily Griffith Foundation](#) will receive **\$20,000** for the Literacy and Preparatory Skills program, which provides literacy skills allowing adults to enter job training programs, and provides tutoring and other services to ensure student success once enrolled.
16. [Environmental Learning for Kids](#) will receive **\$15,000** for the Denver Youth Naturally program, a year-round learning experience for over 500 low-income students in science education and leadership development through hands-on field activities, local excursions, and wilderness experiences.
17. [Escuela de Guadalupe](#) will receive **\$10,000** for the Literacy Development program, which offers an intensive English language curriculum and activities for low-income, Spanish speaking kindergarteners.
18. [Focus Points Family Resource Center](#) will receive **\$15,000** for general support. The agency provides basic literacy and ESL classes, along with parenting and family strengthening classes, for low-income adults.
19. ['I Have a Dream' Foundation of Boulder County](#) will receive **\$10,000** for the Iris Class of Dreamers, which provides mentoring, tutoring, computer lab, career and college preparation, and post-secondary tuition assistance to low-income students, grades 3 to 12.
20. [Impact on Education](#) will receive **\$10,000** for the Take My Teacher Home program, a technology-based early intervention program that utilizes teacher-recorded lessons on iPods to extend the learning day and strengthen kindergartener's literacy skills for 255 students.
21. [Judi's House](#) will receive **\$5,000** for general support. The agency provides grief support services to children and their caregivers through on-site and school-based services, counseling, and community outreach and education.
22. [Metropolitan State College of Denver Foundation](#) will receive **\$20,000** for the Family Literacy program, a bilingual, home-and-school-based program for K-3rd graders and their parents. Services include literacy classes and child development screenings and activities.
23. [Mi Casa Resource Center](#) will receive **\$15,000** for the Youth & Family Development program, which provides after-school tutoring, counseling, life skills/computer classes, and parent support for low-income students.
24. [OpenWorld Learning](#) will receive **\$5,000** for general support. The agency's after school and summer computer training programs offer three skill levels for low-income 3rd to 8th graders, in nine public schools.
25. [Opera Colorado](#) will receive **\$15,000** for the Education and Community programs, which include live, in-school performances, residencies, hands-on backstage workshops, and student matinees at the opera house.
26. [Reach Out and Read Colorado](#) will receive **\$15,000** for general support. The agency trains pediatric health care providers to encourage low-income parents to read to their children.

27. [Rocky Mountain Parents as Teachers](#) will receive **\$8,000** for general support. Certified parent educators make monthly visits to low-income families and help parents develop social, emotional, motor, intellectual, and language skills in their children, ages 0-5.
28. [SOS Outreach](#) will receive **\$5,000** for the Outreach Denver programs, which include year-round sports, tutoring, hiking, camping and nutrition education.
29. [Summer Scholars](#) will receive **\$25,000** for general support. The agency provides after school and summer literacy instruction for at-risk 1st to 6th grade students at 16 Denver elementary schools.
30. [YESS Institute](#) will receive **\$10,000** for the Path to Graduation program, an after school program with upper-class peer mentors who tutor and mentor at-risk 9th graders.
31. [Young Americans Center for Financial Education](#) will receive **\$20,000** for two in-school financial literacy and global economic education programs serving 5th (Ameri-Towne) and 7th-8th (International Towne) graders.
32. [YouthBiz](#) will receive **\$7,500** for the YouthBiz Basics and Advanced programs, which include mentoring, tutoring, financial literacy, job readiness, and life skills training for low-income students, ages 12 to 18.

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