



McCormick Foundation and Colorado Rockies Grant \$200,000 to Denver Agencies Supporting At-Risk Youth

Chicago, January 19, 2012 — The Robert R. McCormick Foundation and the Colorado Rockies have announced \$200,000 in fourth-quarter funding through Colorado Rockies Charity Fund, a McCormick Foundation Fund, which will help 14 Denver agencies provide a broad range of community services – from education and literacy programs to health and wellness initiatives – to help at-risk children and youth.

Since 1993, more than \$19 million has been granted through Colorado Rockies Charity Fund to nonprofit organizations supporting children and families in the Denver metropolitan area. The McCormick Foundation matches all gifts at 50 cents on the dollar, significantly increasing the impact of individual contributions. The Foundation and Colorado Rockies pay all campaign and administrative costs, ensuring that 100 percent of all donations, plus the match, is granted to local nonprofit agencies.

The 2011, fourth-quarter grant recipients include:

- 1. <u>Court Appointed Special Advocates of Jefferson & Gilpin Counties</u> will receive **\$10,000** for general support
- 2. <u>Delta Gamma Anchor Center for Blind Children</u> will receive **\$25,000** for general support
- 3. Family Homestead will receive \$30,000 for general support
- 4. <u>I Have a Dream Foundation Colorado</u> will receive **\$70,000** for the Class of 2017 program, a cohort of 62 low income 3rd graders from low-performing schools who receive intensive after school and summer academic support, college preparation and social services through high school graduation and college entrance.
- 5. <u>Invest in Kids</u> will receive **\$5,000** for the Incredible Years program, a mental health treatment, prevention and parenting education program for low income children and their caregivers in the Denver area.
- 6. <u>Kempe Foundation for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect</u> will receive **\$5,000** for the Fostering Healthy Futures program, an evidence-based violence prevention and treatment program for 71 pre-adolescent youth, ages 9-11, who reside in foster homes.
- 7. <u>Maria Droste Services of Colorado</u> will receive **\$5,000** for the Children First program, a school-based counseling and mentoring program for students in grades K-8 from low income families suffering from emotional, social or behavioral problems.
- 8. Net Results Junior Tennis will receive \$5,000 for general support.
- 9. Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center will receive \$15,000 for the Legal Representation & Advocacy program, providing holistic services to abused and neglected children during their time in the foster care child protection system.
- 10. <u>SafeHouse Denver, Inc.</u> will receive **\$5,000** for the Children and Youth program, which provides counseling, therapeutic sessions and other support services to child victims of domestic violence.
- 11. Sewall Child Development Center will receive \$5,000 for general support.
- 12. Third Way Center, Inc. will receive \$5,000 for general support.
- 13. <u>Volunteers of America, Inc.</u> will receive **\$10,000** for the Brandon Center/Theodora House program, serving homeless women and families.





14. Young Mens Christian Association of Metropolitan Denver will receive \$5,000 for the Junior Rockies Youth Baseball program, offering training clinics and baseball/softball sports leagues for boys and girls, ages 3 to 6.

About the Robert R. McCormick Foundation

Robert R. McCormick Foundation is committed to fostering communities of educated, informed and engaged citizens. Through philanthropic programs, Cantigny Park and museums, the Foundation helps develop citizen leaders and works to make life better in our communities. The Foundation was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest foundations, with more than \$1 billion in assets.

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