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FREE HORIZON MONTESSORI'S ANNUAL GIFT OF A MEAL PROGRAM ALIGNS WITH GRANDPARENTS DAY

Golden, Colorado – [Free Horizon Montessori](http://www.FreeHorizonMontessori.org) (FHM), a Jeffco Public Charter School in Golden, is celebrating family connections and community support through activities leading up to Thanksgiving, including Grandparents Day and its annual “Gift of A Meal” event.

Free Horizon’s primary and lower elementary classrooms initiated a Thanksgiving “Gift of A Meal” food drive, with the goal of compiling 27 full dinner baskets, each including non-perishable dinner fixings, plus a voucher for purchase of a turkey. Stuffing, potatoes, applesauce, canned vegetables, bread and dessert mixes have been pouring into the school over the past two weeks! Through the overwhelming generosity of Free Horizon’s students and families, the goal was exceeded and more than enough food was collected to construct 30 Thanksgiving dinner meal baskets. This is equivalent to almost \$1200 worth of food! Students are also creating original artworks and cards to accompany the baskets.

Grandparents and special family friends were invited to join all Free Horizon students on Friday, November 22nd, to help assemble the Thanksgiving meal gift baskets. Before basket assembly, grandparents are joining students in a special family-style lunch at the school. Completed baskets will be shared with families in need through partnership with JeffCo Action Center. Free Horizon is honored to continue its tradition of creating meal baskets for JeffCo Action Center, and share the blessings from its school community with the greater community of which it is a part.

Gratitude, generosity, and caring for community are always key values at Free Horizon Montessori school. Contributing to and creating Thanksgiving meal baskets are one small way in which the students and families live out these values in this season of gratitude and giving!

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Free Horizon Montessori is a Jeffco Public Charter School serving children in preschool through 8th grade. Founded in 2002 with an initial student body of 120, the school now serves more than 375 students. FHM utilizes Montessori philosophy in balance with the rigor of Colorado state standards in providing individualized instruction, delivering an engaging curriculum, and supporting a strong community.