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Free Horizon Montessori Foundation receives over \$56,000 on Colorado Gives Day

Golden, Colorado – [Free Horizon Montessori](http://www.FreeHorizonMontessori.org) (FHM), a Jeffco public Charter School in Golden, always has ample reason to celebrate its strong sense of community and the generosity of its families, friends, and staff. From parents volunteering in classrooms, to students' participation in civic events, and teacher involvement in local education outreach, the Free Horizon community is regularly engaged and supportive both in and around the school. Yet today Free Horizon has fifty-six thousand more reasons to applaud its community support!

Through the [Colorado Gives Day](#) initiative, donors contributed more than \$26,000 to the non-profit Free Horizon Montessori Foundation in a 24-hour span on December 10th. This substantial donation base was further amplified through the contributions of two Free Horizon families who anonymously pledged an additional \$30,000 match for donations received through this campaign. The resultant total of \$56,100 will be used by the FHM Foundation to support the school's scholarship program, enhance science and technology curriculums, purchase Montessori classroom materials, and contribute to educator professional development, as well as other programs.

Colorado Gives Day, an initiative of the Arvada-based [Community First Foundation](#), was founded in 2010 with a goal of inspiring and uniting Coloradoans in supporting local nonprofits. This is Free Horizon's second year of participation. In 2012, donors contributed a generous \$13,300 to support FHM Foundation's tenets of Individualized Instruction, Engaging Curriculum, and Strong Community for the Free Horizon Montessori school.

"This is a strong testament from our community in support of the work we do every day," said Kresta Vuolo, Free Horizon's Principal, upon hearing the *Colorado Gives Day* fundraising results. "Thank you for your dedication and for helping make Free Horizon Montessori the wonderful community that it is!"

Free Horizon is humbled and grateful for this outpouring of philanthropic support in addition to the time and talent its community contributes day in and day out.

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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.