

Good Works

JPMorgan Chase donates \$1.3M to Colo. nonprofits

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JPMorgan Chase & Co. gave \$1.3 million to nonprofits in Colorado in 2010 — a 65 percent increase from 2009. Worldwide, the JPMorgan Chase Foundation gave more than \$150 million to nonprofits last year. The foundation focuses on helping Coloradans become self-sufficient, find affordable housing, and improve their academic performance in high school and beyond. The **Women's Bean Project**, **Denver's Road Home**, the **Colorado Legacy Foundation** and the **Denver Public Schools Foundation** are among the Colorado recipients.

BIG DONORS: **American National Bank** and its employees gave more than \$640,000 to a long list of charities in 2010, and staffers also put in more than 3,150 volunteers hours. In addition, **The Sturm Family Foundation** — founded by **Donald and Susan Sturm**, owners of the bank — matched \$129,972 in bank community sponsorships and donations, and gave another \$2.47 million to other nonprofits. Among the many recipients were the **Alzheimer's Association**, **Bonfils Foundation**, **Children's Hospital Foundation**, **Colorado Public Radio**, **Denver Rescue Mission**, **Project Angel Heart**, **Salvation Army** and **Wildlife Experience**.

ANNUAL GENEROSITY: The **Denver ChopHouse Restaurant & Brewery** and volunteers served the annual Christmas Day holiday meal to 2,500 homeless and needy families from Denver. Sponsors included **Shamrock Foods**, **Health Grades**, **Pepsi**, **Alpha Baking Co.**, **Bank of America**, **Robinson Dairy**, **Radiant Systems**, **Merchant Link**, **NTN Buzztime**, **Anthem**, **Rocky Mountain Valet**, **Northwest Seafood Inc.**, **Colorado Trailer Co.** and **Cheer Central Suns**.

100K RACE: The **Arthritis Foundation** raised almost \$100,000 from its 19th Annual Jingle Bell Run held in Washington Park. It drew 2,027 participants. Major sponsors included **Porter Adventist Hospital**, **Infusion Center of Denver**, **Panorama Research and Education Foundation**, **Jeppesen** and **Abbott Laboratories Inc.**

The race also got special help from **24 Hour Automotive**, which helped solve an emergency supply situation by driving pickup trucks to bring all needed materials to the park on race morning.

TECH CHANGE: **The Hearst Foundations** gave a one-year, \$50,000 grant to **Denver Health**. The money will be used to convert two mammography screening units from film output to digital. One unit will be in the [Denver Health](#)'s mobile health clinic, called the "mammo-van," and the other in the medical center. The changes will enable Denver Health to see an additional 1,800 women a year. The Hearst Foundations is based in New York City.

BACKING SCHOOL: **Barbara and Bob Ells** — the parents of **Steve Ells**, founder and CEO of **Chipotle Mexican Grill** — contributed \$25,000 to **The Rise School of Denver**. The school provides early-childhood education to all children, including those with developmental disabilities and special needs.

AIDING FOOD BANK: **Callahan Capital Partners**, a Denver real estate investment firm, gave \$15,000 to the **Food Bank of the Rockies** during the holidays.

MS HELP: **The Clinic**, a medical marijuana center, donated \$10,223 to the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** in 2010. It raised \$3,500 via participation in Denver's MS Walk, and nearly \$7,000 at its own Clinic Charity Classic golf tournament, held at City Park Golf Course.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN: **Jeppesen** employees collected \$9,760 and donated the money, plus children's toys, to Santa's Workshop at Fort Carson. The money, raised through The Betty Fund, was given to the Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club, which sponsors the workshop and bought toys and gifts for about 1,500 children of soldiers. Also, Jeppesen donated 50 iPod Shuffles for teenagers.

VISIBILITY: **Outdoor Promotions LLC**, teaming with **Idea Marketing**, donated \$5,250 in billboard displays for three months of curbside billboard PSAs for **ACCION Colorado**. The latter helps increase access to credit, makes loans and provides training for entrepreneurs.

BANK DONATES: **Guaranty Bank and Trust Co.** made a \$5,000 donation plus gave six carloads of food to the **Denver Rescue Mission**. The bank held a holiday food drive in all 34 branches along the Front Range in December.

FOR BABIES: Golden-based **The Boppy Co.** on Jan. 1 delivered 600 of its feeding-and-infant-support pillows to nine Denver-area hospitals (three [Exempla Healthcare](#), six [HealthOne](#)), to be given to mothers with babies born in early 2011.

HELPING ELDERLY: Denver nonprofit **HealthSET** had 105 volunteers who visited 257 low-income elderly living in Denver's subsidized housing during its Fifth Annual Adopt an Elder for the Holidays program. The volunteers gave them such gifts as grocery gift cards, blankets, hats, gloves, towels and coffee mugs.

SNOW REMOVAL: **CoCal Landscape** is offering free snow-removal services to military families with deployed members. It's part of the nationwide "Project Evergreen: SnowCare for Troops" program, found at projectevergreen.com.