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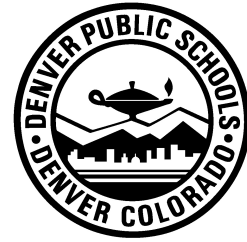
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Adopt-A-Family Recap:

The annual Thomas Jefferson Adopt-A-Family (AAF) Program strives to provide financially challenged members of the TJ community holiday gifts and food during the holiday season. For some families this time of year can be quite devastating. One of the most special aspects of our TJ Family is we can come together and help ease the stress of the holidays for these families in need.

Once again, the TJ Community was outstanding with their support of this program. Everyone working together for a special purpose is what this program is all about, and this year was pretty special for all involved. In total, 23 families & over 60 family members were positively impacted by the AAF Program. Over 1,000 lbs. of food & more than \$5,000 in donations (gifts, gift cards, wrapping paper, etc.) were collected this year. The positive impact this has on the families in need is overwhelming, and the families are eternally grateful to those that donate their time & efforts to the program.

We could not have a program like AAF without some exceptional volunteers to coordinate this event. A very special thank you to Samanda Davis, who tirelessly collaborates with all the groups & families involved to make this event special each year. A special shout out to our new partnership with Elite Dance Academy and our continued relationship with "Be the Love" Foundation for your continued support. We would also like to thank all of the groups/individuals that donate to this program each year, without you, none of this is possible: TJ Science Department, TJ DECA, TJ SkillsUSA, the TJ Journal newspaper staff, Denver Fire Stations and the many parents/teachers/community members that donated to our families.

Happy Holidays and thank you for making the Thomas Jefferson Adopt-A-Family Program something to look forward to each year!

Sincerely,
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