



PRESS RELEASE

Ben Franklin Academy Holiday Outreach Project Helps New Children's Hospital Colorado South Campus

Students Receive the Gift of Giving By Helping out Neighboring Hospital

HIGHLANDS RANCH—January 1, 2014—Ben Franklin Academy announced the success of their 2013 holiday outreach program benefiting their newest neighbor, Children's Hospital Colorado. On December 7th, more than 50 faculty members and students delivered over 1,600 arts and craft supplies that were collected over the prior two weeks to support the needs of the newly constructed South Campus of Children's Hospital Colorado.

"This was such a great way to celebrate a new addition to our community, especially at a time of year where giving is so meaningful," said Julia Porterfield, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee let lead the initiative for the Academy. "This was particularly gratifying given the fact that students have had the opportunity to watch the hospital be built from the ground up."

The Academy's Middle School integrated this service project into their curriculum by offering an essay contest about the need for service within the community. The winner of the contest, 7th grader Hannah Baldwin wrote, "Community outreach is not only important to the person who receives the action, but the people around them. By doing just the simplest of acts you can ignite a revolution of hope, and before you know it the streets of your community could be over flowing with goodness."

The effort also represented one of the schools core virtues – humility (being mindful of others before yourself, and treating them as you want to be treated), as well as being an intentional example of demonstrating civic engagement.

About Ben Franklin Academy

Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) is a kindergarten through eighth grade Core Knowledge public charter school in northwestern Douglas County, Colorado. Consistent with its motto - "Stay Curious" - BFA's mission is to develop young adults with character like

America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged. BFA is a data-driven institution that inspires its students to excel through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and literacy while fostering the arts and sports. BFA also offers a tuition-based Core Knowledge preschool.

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