

## **NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**WHAT:** Students Collect Cell Phones for Seniors

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Creighton Middle School, 50 S. Kipling St., Lakewood 80226

### **CELL PHONES FOR SENIORS**

Imagine, a group of middle school students giving up cell phones to help seniors in their community.

Well, they aren't exactly giving up their own phones, but instead, collecting old, used phones from their community as part of the *Students for Seniors* campaign, operated by the Jefferson County District Attorney's Offices and the Jefferson County TRIAD.

One student in particular was inspired by the chance to help seniors. Eighth-grade Honors English student Helen Grenillo-Weaver headed up the project by organizing her fellow classmates to pass out flyers, send out mailers to local churches and knock on doors to ask for phone donations.

Helen was honored in December by the University of Colorado Athletic Department for her "Winning Attitude" essay. The essay described the *Students for Seniors* project and her role in serving the Lakewood community.

The students have collected over 500 cell phones to donate to the seniors living in Jefferson County.

Once the phones are collected they are reprogrammed and handed out to older adults who use them in emergency situations.

Students will celebrate their success at an all-school assembly with special guests Superintendent Dr. Cindy Stevenson and Jefferson County District Attorney Scott Storey.

For more information on TRIAD:

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