

To: All of our valued friends at Denver Senior Coalitions

**From: Montview Manor Residents (1663 Steele Street, Denver)
written by Pat Harper Administrator**

Re: JCAF Award received in December 2017 as approved grant application

Friends!

THANK YOU so very much for your gift to our community on Colorado Gives Day!

I was informed that “part of the deal” was that I provide a report to a coalition meeting in January that described how the award was used, and here it is!

Montview Manor is 88 apartments of independent living – we added \$125.00 to the award in order to be able to give all of our residents a check for \$25.00. And we asked them please to let me know how they planned to use their little gift, and this report will show that I received many responses. I can guarantee you, that even if I didn’t receive either a written or a verbal response that the resident used it for a very good purpose. We did have a rent increase last October and for some that would help – we have several people who are unable to go to dinner here as often as they would like – it would help with that – many residents have high prescription costs, the list could go on and on.

But anyway, I’m going to list the responses I received, no particular order, and I’m bringing along the written responses today for this presentation if you would like to see them. Some might be hard to read so again I decided to compile them in a list. They ALL expressed thanks before they made mention of how they would use the gift, in the interest of space I did not always include the words Thank You – but believe me they were thankful!

Best Wishes to Everyone for a Wonderful New Year from myself and the residents of Montview Manor!

- *“Thanks to Senior Coalition – this little gift helped make ends meet.”*
- *Condensed “donation to 35th Annual Father Woody Christmas party”*
- *“transportation to the airport to visit family in California at Christmas”*
- *“buying a Christmas turkey for a poor fatherless family of six that I am familiar with”*
- *“We appreciate the money to use for buying groceries for Christmas”*
- *“Taking a friend out to dinner on Christmas – a friend with no family.”*
- *“Giving the donation to Montview Manor” – (about a dozen people did this)*
- *“Hurricane relief for families in Puerto Rico”*
- *“SAME – So All May Eat on Colfax”*
- *“gift will be used to gift those who have been supportive toward me this past year”*
- *“making a donation to Denver Children’s Home”*
- *“I will buy three dinners at Montview Manor”*
- *“I will buy a few personal items”*
- *“I am going to be using the \$25.00 to help out a family this year.”*
- *“An unexpected and pleasant surprise! I am taking the check to the bank and will convert into quarters to use for doing laundry.”*
- *“My church is doing a toy drive for an Elementary school. The check went for a very good cause.”*
- *“I will make a contribution to the Colorado Talking Book Library.”*
- *“My husband and I will invite three new residents to dinner at the Top of the Manor” (The Manor’s Dining Room)*
- *From a resident who is legally blind “I’m applying my gift check toward a bus pass.”*
- *“I bought the book “More Beautiful Than before” by Rabbi Steven Leder for my friend who recently had her second leg amputated. From a Sister.*
- *“I will buy three meals at the Top of the Manor and distribute them to other residents.”*
- *“I intend to donate some of the money to the Salvation Army next time I’m downtown.”*
- *“I have used it (the gift) to increase my contribution to CHAC which gives food and cultural education to the community.”*
- *“I will use the gift for a prime rib dinner at Charlie Brown’s on Christmas day with my group of friends.”*
- *“I will use my grant to help with my grocery list.”*
- *“I am paying it forward to help with the Puerto Rican Disaster Relief Fund”*