

# Crossroads Connection

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## Spotlight On . . . Ariana Renaud New 6th Grade Student

Ariana Renaud is eleven years old. She was adopted as an infant and has always struggled in school. Most recently, she has been homeschooling. Her mom, Debi, has been following Crossroads School since the beginning, and thought it might be a good fit for Ariana. She came for a tour and got very excited about what we might be able to offer her daughter. She and Ariana joined the students and staff for a scavenger hunt, and by the end of the hunt Ariana herself asked if she could go to this school. She started the next Monday, about a month ago, and wants to go to school each day and comes home to tell her mom all about her day.

The staff is making adjustments to academic curriculum specifically for Ariana. Mrs. Topham's assessment will identify strategies that will allow her to make great progress, as other students have. Our small class sizes and individualized approach allow us to adjust, alter assignments for Ariana when needed, and help her to be successful in school.

Debi sent a heartfelt email to the school the first week that expressed her gratitude: "I need to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your incredible commitment to all these kids. (It is) a wonderful experience watching you all interact with your students. I'm sure it sounds like I'm exaggerating, I'm not..what you have done with Ariana in two days, has never been done. Your hearts are amazing, my daughter knows that...on her own.The greatest thing is to see Ariana excited about school. You have been able to create a 'safe' environment for her, that really says a lot about all of you. Oh yes, it's a journey, only the beginning, but we are actually doing it!"

Students like Ariana deserve a chance at education, a chance to build confidence, a chance to develop emotional resilience, and a chance to find their future. Here's to many more Arianas finding their way to Crossroads!

## Food and Fellowship Fundraisers Join Us For These Events!

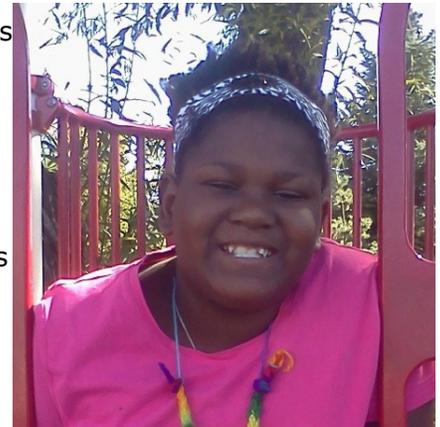
The North Main Car Wash fundraiser in August and the Applebee's Breakfast in October were a big success! Thanks to all who came to join us. Here's an opportunity in November, and we'll have more next semester, so watch for details!

**Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers: Thu, Nov 15, 5-8 pm:** Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with our students and staff, and Crossroads will receive 20% of the proceeds.

## Crossroads Receives Gifts

### Grant from Wells Fargo Bank Demonstrates Community Support

Yet another community business has recognized the value of Crossroads' work with a grant of \$250 from Wells Fargo Bank in Longmont. Barb Bulthuis and Joanna Topham attended the awards breakfast on October 16 and had the opportunity to share a bit about Crossroads' mission in our community. We're excited about this vote of approval!



## Alliance for Choice in Education Grants Scholarships

The Alliance for Choice in Education (ACE) works to support private school choice for low-income students. They provide renewable scholarships of up to \$2000 per student in Middle School and \$3000 in High School to students in private schools. Scholarships are awarded based on a family's financial need, the availability of funding for the ACE Scholarship program, and ACE funding priorities. This year, Crossroads will receive a total of \$12,000 in scholarships for five students.

## Ways to Get Involved

### You Can Make a Difference!

Feeling compelled by what you've read, but not sure what you can do? Here are a variety of ways you can get involved. Or if you have other ideas, let us know!

**Grocery Cards:** Purchase reloadable grocery gift cards for Safeway or King Soopers, either at the school office or by mail. Once you receive your cards, reload them at the store and use them like cash to purchase gas and groceries. Crossroads receives 5% of every purchase, and it costs you nothing but an extra minute in the check-out line!

**Product Credits: Box Tops, Labels for Education, Printer Cartridges:** Collect these items for us, and we can redeem them for cash or gift certificates for the school. Old printer cartridges for any printer are recycled through a program that gives us \$2 credit for each cartridge.

### Donate!

Make a donation of any amount, and it will go directly to classroom and library books, teacher salaries, supplies for classroom activities, technology resources, and more that directly impacts the lives of our students. Visit [www.crossroadslongmont.org/donate](http://www.crossroadslongmont.org/donate) for more information or to make a gift online.

## A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words... Oh, how we've grown!



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Fall 2011



Fall 2012!!