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EL PUEBLO BOYS' AND GIRLS' RANCH YOUTH RAISE \$500 DOLLARS FOR AFGHAN CHILDREN SENATOR ALLARD DELIVERS CHECK AND LETTERS TO WHITE HOUSE

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) this week delivered letters and a \$500 check from the youth at El Pueblo Boys' and Girls' Ranch to the White House America's Fund for Afghan Children.

"While facing adversity of their own, these young boys and girls put their needs second to those of the children of Afghanistan," said Senator Allard. "I commend these youth who represent the hope of a future without neglect, abuse and an uneducated population."

The children presented the letters and check to Senator Allard at his recent town meeting in Pueblo. El Pueblo Boys' and Girls' Ranch is a non-profit agency serving the needs of at-risk youth and their families. The children raised the money by holding car washes and bake sales. Senator Allard brought the check and letters back to Washington to present to the White House.

"These children are making a difference and providing hope to Afghan children," said White House Deputy Director of Communications Jim Wilkinson. "For many Afghan children, the only coat they will ever have, the only hot meal they may ever eat, or the only pair of shoes they will ever own, will come from these funds."

"As they share common struggles, I hope the selflessness of the children of the El Pueblo Boys' and Girls' Ranch will give inspiration to the children of Afghanistan," added Allard.

Children in Colorado have raised \$35,336.33 for America's Fund for Afghan Children. Any group or person interested in helping the children in Afghanistan can write to: America's Fund for Afghan Children C/O the White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington D.C. 20509-1600.

