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**LOCAL CHARITIES GET EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT, THANKS TO VENDING MACHINES**

***Denver chosen to host Light the World Giving Machines this year***

This holiday season, giving to charity will be as easy as buying a candy bar from a vending

machine. Literally. At Light the World Giving Machines visitors can purchase and donate items ranging from the prosaic (diapers) to the exotic (tiger worm toilets) to families in need in Colorado and around the world.

Charities represented are:

[Black Child Development Institute - Denver](https://www.nbcdi.org/affiliates/denver) focusing on education, health and literacy

[Catholic Charities of Denver](https://ccdenver.org/) providing valuable family support services

[Mile High Ministries](https://www.milehighmin.org/) serving families transitioning out of homelessness

[Rose Andom Center](http://roseandomcenter.org/) empowering domestic violence victims to live free from abuse

[Water for People](https://www.waterforpeople.org/) supplying safe water and sanitation for 4 million people in 9 countries

[CWS Global](https://cwsglobal.org/) feeding the hungry and assisting the vulnerable around the world

Each charity selected items for the machines that are most needed by those they serve. Gifts like books, meals, personal care items, fresh food, clean water – even lambs and piglets – are represented by cards in bright red vending machines. Visitors pay by credit card or mobile pay, then make their choice - just like a regular vending machine. But instead of “getting,” their money goes to buy that item for a person or family in need. Prices start at $3.50 and top out at $300. A complete list of items is at [www.givingmachinesdenver.com](http://www.givingmachinesdenver.com/)

Light the World Giving Machines are sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which is covering machine costs, administrative fees and donation overhead.

The machines are coming to Denver for the first time in 2019. They will be installed at Writer Square, 16th Street between Lawrence and Larimer and open every day from November 26 through New Year’s Day, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Last year Giving Machines in five host cities raised over $2.3 million for 18 charities.

“My family and I bought a goat for a family in Africa, and we were touched as we purchased

supplies for a battered women’s shelter,” said Jon LaClare, a visitor to the Giving Machines in

Arizona last year. “We used the opportunity to discuss charity with our children and better

understand the meaning of Christmas. We can’t wait to visit the Giving Machines in our home

city of Denver this year.”

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