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**The MJ Foundation Names Four Local Nonprofits in Indianapolis, Phoenix, Denver, and Nashville as New Charities of Choice**

**INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 10, 2025)** – The MJ Charitable Foundation (the MJ Foundation), has named four nonprofits in the Indianapolis, Phoenix, Denver, and Nashville community as the 2025-2027 Charities of Choice. The nonprofits selected include [Indy Reads](#) (Indiana), [Amanda Hope Rainbow Angels](#) (Arizona), [We Don't Waste](#) (Colorado), and [UpRise Nashville](#) (Tennessee). The MJ Foundation is the nonprofit arm of leading financial services firm, The MJ Companies.

From supporting families facing food insecurity to improving literacy access for marginalized communities, to offering compassionate care for families affected by childhood cancer and providing critical job training and employment support, each nonprofit addresses a unique and vital need in its local community.

All four organizations were selected in part for their alignment with the four cornerstones of the MJ Foundation mission: overcoming poverty, fostering diversity, advancing education, and embracing humanity.

To best serve the communities where their associates live and work, MJ takes a more focused approach—concentrating on four local charities where the team gets actively involved in each charity, donating resources and hours of their time throughout the year. All nonprofits are associate-nominated and voted on by the MJ team based on the organization's alignment with the Foundation's pillars. This May the MJ Companies expanded its national footprint to Nashville and selected UpRise Nashville as the local Charity of Choice.

“We are so proud to support these organizations that align with the MJ Foundation's pillars and our mission to be an intentional, active force for good in our communities,” said Britini ShROUT, executive director of the MJ Foundation. “We are also thrilled to be expanding our impact in the Nashville market and couldn't think of a better introduction to the city than through our partnership with UpRise.”

As part of our Charity of Choice program, each organization receives awareness and media exposure, a \$5,000 grant from the MJ Foundation for each year of its participation (\$10,000 total), and a Day(s) of Service with MJ associates. The Charity of Choice also receives a toolkit that includes a media calendar for the duration of the two-year partnership to assist with raising awareness and spreading the word about the many worthy causes in our communities.

“We're incredibly grateful for our partnership with the MJ Foundation,” Ruba Marshood, Indy Reads' chief executive officer said. “Their support couldn't have come at a better time—interest in our programs is growing and the need is rising. Demand for our growth is urgent while public funding that we have been awarded for nearly a decade has been compromised. We deeply appreciate corporate sponsors like the MJ Foundation who make giving back a core part of their mission, supporting organizations like Indy Reads to serve our communities through all seasons.”

For more information on the MJ Foundation visit: [www.mjfoundation.com](http://www.mjfoundation.com).

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Indianapolis-based The MJ Companies, one of the largest privately held agencies in America, exists to inspire the success, fulfillment, and wellbeing of each person it serves — associates and their families, business partners, clients, and the community. MJ's client base includes local, regional, and national companies in more than 54 countries and in every U.S. state. With offices nationwide, MJ specializes in a diverse selection of client services including commercial and personal insurance, risk management, employee benefits, retirement, compensation, and total rewards consulting. Additional information may be found at [www.themicos.com](http://www.themicos.com).

#### **ABOUT THE MJ FOUNDATION**

As the nonprofit arm of The MJ Companies, the MJ Foundation aims to give back to the communities in which MJ associates live and work. From charitable donations and drives to hands-on experiences, the MJ Foundation supports local organizations in alignment with the four cornerstones of its mission: overcoming poverty, advancing education, fostering diversity, and embracing humanity.