Chipotle grants $500K to refugee farmers program

The Chipotle Cultivate Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Denver-based restaurant Chipotle Mexican Grill, awarded a two-year, $500,000 grant to the National Refugee Community New Roots Program.

The funds will support the program’s year-old MicroProducer Academy, which helps refugee farmers grow produce to feed their families and to sell at farmers markets. The MicroProducer Academy got its start in San Diego, Oakland and New York with $200,000 from Chipotle.

HOW VOLUNTEERS HELPED OUT

More than 400 Colorado Girl Scouts assembled 789 medical kits for families in Guanacaste, Mexico. The Girl Scouts, via a partnership with Children’s Hospital Colorado and Project C.U.R.E., collected bandages, antibiotic ointment, toothbrushes and other items to assemble what’s called Kits for Kids. The kits will be delivered in March by the Girl Scouts.

Volunteers from the Hilton Garden Inn Denver Downtown turned out on Oct. 23 to help at a Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver building site. The volunteers laid sod, cleaned windows and painted as part of Hilton Worldwide’s 3rd annual Global Week of Service.

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