

JOIN THE JEREMIAH MILBANK SOCIETY!

THE MAN

Jeremiah Milbank (1887 - 1972) was a man of remarkable accomplishments as a businessman, financier, and philanthropist. Milbank led efforts to eradicate diphtheria and organized the International Committee for the Study of Infantile Paralysis in 1928.

One of Milbank's guiding principles was to strike at the roots of illness before it took hold. He understood the similarities between illness in the physical sense, which could disable or kill, and illness in the social sense, which deprived children from disadvantaged backgrounds of a fair chance in life.

A lifelong believer in volunteerism, Jeremiah Milbank helped President Herbert Hoover develop the Boys & Girls Club national organization that provides support services for Clubs serving disadvantaged youth. He served as treasurer of the national organization for more than 25 years.

Throughout his lifetime, Milbank gave a fortune to help those in need. Yet he never sought monuments or memorials. He believed that wealth not used to help others was wealth wasted. One instrument of that belief is The JM Foundation, which continues the ideals of free enterprise and entrepreneurship that guided Milbank's own philanthropy. Since its founding in 1924, the foundation has provided more than one hundred million in today's dollars to foster self-sufficiency, personal responsibility and private initiative.

Jeremiah Milbank was a humble man who inspired greatness in others. His truest legacy has been his children, and their children, who continue to support causes that were close to his heart. His son, Jeremiah Milbank Jr., was recruited by President Herbert Hoover to join the Board of Governors for the national organization where he became a guiding force in shaping the Boys & Girls Club Movement. In turn, Jeremiah Jr. passed on his passion for serving youth to his own children. Today, Jeremiah Milbank III serves on the national Board of Governors.

Jeremiah Milbank gave of himself generously. His extraordinary and life-long concern for youth and those less fortunate has changed the lives of millions and is the inspiration for The Jeremiah Milbank Society.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- Annual membership is for individuals who make unrestricted cash gifts of \$10,000 or more to the Boys & Girls Club of Chaffee County.
- Gifts are to be paid in one year, i.e. multi-year pledge payments totaling \$10,000 are not eligible. However, payments during the year that total \$10,000 or more are eligible.

Donors can be recognized as individuals or as couples. For example, John Smith or John and Martha Smith can be recognized for membership as the result of one gift of \$10,000.

BENEFITS OF BEING A JEREMIAH MILBANK MEMBER

- Prominent recognition of Jeremiah Milbank Membership in event programs, on our website, in our newsletter, and on our donor wall.
- Invitation to join other top Boys & Girls Club donors at a prestigious celebration, hosted by one of our national organization's distinguished alumni or benefactors (Members of The Jeremiah Milbank Society will be invited to the event in the spring in following year of their JMS membership).
- National recognition in the Jeremiah Milbank Society catalogue as a leader who supports children at their local Boys & Girls Club.

WHAT QUALIFIES MY GIFT?

- Individual gifts that are matched by the donor's employer that together equal \$10,000 or more qualify the individual for membership. For example, if Joan Smith gives \$5,000 to the Club and her employer matches her gift by also giving \$5,000, then Joan Smith is eligible for membership.
- A gift from a privately controlled company where the donors own/control the gift will qualify the donor as an individual for membership. The company is not recognized in the Society. For example, if John Smith owns XJZ Company and chooses to make his gift to the Club through the XJZ Company, then John Smith is eligible for membership.
- A gift from a family foundation where the donor **controls** the foundation's giving will qualify the individual donor for membership. For example, if Joan Smith is the donor and chair of Joan Smith Family Foundation and chooses to give via the foundation, Joan Smith is eligible for membership.
- Donors who give through their "donor-designated funds" at community foundations may also be recognized in the Society.