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**STUDENTS AWARD MORE THAN \$70,000 TO LOCAL NONPROFITS  
THROUGH GIVE NEXT PROGRAM**

FORT COLLINS, Colorado, June 16, 2017 – More than 200 Larimer County middle and high school students participating in the Give Next program capped off their school year by awarding more than \$70,000 to 23 Larimer County nonprofits.

With financial support from local businesses, foundations and individuals, classes from the Poudre and Thompson School Districts awarded grants to recipients including FoCo Café; Homeless Gear; and Launch: Community Through Skateboarding. Give Next is a partnership of community volunteers and organizations that include Bohemian Foundation, the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, Poudre School District, Thompson School District and the Give Next Advisory Committee.

“Give Next fosters the next generation of community leaders, who learn about local issues and the nonprofits working to address them,” said Sara Maranowicz, Bohemian Foundation’s Community Programs Director. “The list of this year’s grant recipients illustrates the wide range of issues that students in our community care about, from food insecurity to homelessness; wildlife preservation to the arts.”

Give Next is a school-based youth philanthropy program designed to provide middle and high school students with experience in philanthropic giving. Through the program, local businesses, foundations and individuals become classroom donors by providing each participating school with \$5,000 to award to Larimer County nonprofits. Many of the students from participating schools also complete their own fundraisers to add to the \$5,000 grant amount provided by donors. Throughout the year, students design and manage their own grantmaking programs. Students work together to identify community needs, choose a focus area, create their own mission statement, research nonprofits, volunteer, conduct site visits, review grant applications and make funding decisions. At the end of the school year, students award grants to selected nonprofits. Through the process, Give Next enables students to experience the power of teamwork, the impact they can have on their community and the rewards of giving time, talent and treasure.

Currently, 13 middle and high schools in Poudre and Thompson School Districts participate in Give Next. Since the program’s inception in 2012, \$226,000 has been awarded to a variety of nonprofits serving Larimer County. Every donor dollar goes directly to student grantmaking. For more information about becoming a Give Next classroom donor or about participating in the program, contact Jodie Riesenberger at 970-472-7672 or [givenext@bohemianfoundation.org](mailto:givenext@bohemianfoundation.org).

**Full List of 2016-2017 Give Next Grant Recipients:**

Students awarded a total of \$73,461 to 23 organizations.

School	Grant Recipient	Amount
<b>Poudre School District:</b>		
Cache La Poudre Middle School		
	Homeless Gear	\$1,100
	FoCo Café	\$2,000
	Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center	\$2,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,100</b>
Fort Collins High School		
	Launch: Community Through Skateboarding	\$1,000
	Live the Victory, Inc. The Matthews House	\$1,000
	FoCo Café	\$1,000
	A Face to Reframe	\$1,000
	Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County	\$1,000
	Hearts and Horses	\$1,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Leshler Middle School		
	Respite Care	\$1,500
	Foothills Gateway	\$2,000
	Easter Seals Colorado	\$1,000
	Adams Camp	\$500
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Lincoln Middle School		
	Realities for Children	\$3,000
	Crossroads Safehouse	\$1,500
	Hearts and Horses	\$500
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
Poudre Community Academy		
	Gardens on Spring Creek: Ready and Seed Program	\$1,100
	Wildland Restoration Volunteer	\$1,000
	Alternative to Violence	\$1,100
	Dance Express	\$2,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>

Poudre High School		
	FoCo Café	\$1,850
	Launch: Community Through Skateboarding	\$1,850
	Live the Victory, Inc., The Matthews House	\$1,500
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>
Preston Middle School		
	Homeless Gear	\$5,368
	Food Bank for Larimer County	\$2,000
	FoCo Café	\$1,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$8,368</b>
Rocky Mountain High School		
	Alternatives to Violence	\$2,300
	Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of CO	\$2,300
	Live the Victory, Inc., The Matthews House	\$2,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>
Wellington Middle School		
	Hearts and Horses	\$2,000
	Adam's Camp	\$3,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Thompson School District</b>		
Berthoud High School		
	Boys & Girls Club of LC	\$250
	Live the Victory, Inc., Matthews House	\$1,000
	Team Wellness and Prevention	\$1,876
	Alternatives to Violence	\$2,700
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,826</b>
Conrad Ball Middle School		
	Harrington Arts Alliance	\$2,701
	Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of CO	\$2,701
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,402</b>
Lucille Erwin Middle School		
	Harrington Arts Alliance	\$5,065
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,065</b>

Thompson Valley High School		
	Alternatives to Violence	\$1,000
	FoCo Café	\$2,000
	Homeless Gear	\$2,700
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>\$73,461</b>

Bohemian Foundation is a private family foundation established in 2001. Based in Fort Collins, Colorado, Bohemian Foundation works to empower citizens and impact communities through its responsive grant making programs and special initiatives. Bohemian Foundation provides management support for Give Next.

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