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STUDENTS AWARD NEARLY $170,000 TO LOCAL NONPROFTS

FORT COLLINS, Colo., June 13, 2023 – Students from 29 middle and high schools in Estes, Poudre and Thompson school districts recently celebrated the end of their school year by awarding $169,875 to 39 Larimer County nonprofits. The award celebrations marked the culmination of a year spent designing and managing their own grantmaking programs through Give Next.

Give Next is a school-based program that uses grantmaking as a tool to shift power to youth, build understanding of complex social issues and connect youth to each other and their community. Through the program, local businesses, foundations and individuals become classroom donors by providing each school with $5,000 to award to Larimer County nonprofits. Students work together to identify community needs, choose a focus area, create a mission statement, research nonprofits, review grant applications and make funding decisions. Students also organize their own fundraisers to increase their grantmaking capacity.

Give Next is made possible by the support and dedication of students, teachers, classroom donors, local nonprofits, district leadership, and the Give Next Advisory Committee. Primary program implementation partners are Bohemian Foundation and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. For more information about Give Next, visit givenextnoco.org.

2022-2023 Give Next Grant Recipients

Estes Park School District

Estes Park High School: ISAAC of Northern Colorado, Estes Park Learning Place, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center, ChildSafe Colorado

Poudre School District

Blevins Middle School: 3Hopeful Hearts, LAUNCH: Community Through Skateboarding, The Avery Center
Boltz Middle School: Cor Defense, The Crawford Child Advocacy Center
Cache La Poudre Middle IB World School: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center, ChildSafe Colorado, The Crawford Child Advocacy Center
Centennial High School: Growing Stars, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers
Fort Collins High School: FoCo Café, Sproutin’ Up Corporation
Fossil Ridge High School: ChildSafe Colorado, Larimer County Partners, Inc.
Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School: The Ember Alliance, Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed, Big Thompson Watershed
Lesher Middle IB World School: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center, ChildSafe Colorado, SNAPP!
Lincoln Middle IB World School: Crossroads Safehouse, Alternatives to Violence, ChildSafe Colorado
Polaris Expeditionary Learning School: Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center, The Avery Center
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