Year-End Reflections

At the end of each school year, we find an abundance of hope and encouragement while we listen to students, teachers, principals, nonprofit leaders, donors, and parents talk about their Give Next experiences. We hear loud and clear that the one-year experience in giving is transformational. Students explain that they think differently about community issues, civic engagement, and their responsibility to get involved. While bold, confident students express how their awareness of others has grown, other students who don’t typically identify themselves as “leaders” beam with pride as they step into new roles. We’re proud of these young people (and their teachers!) and grateful for the stakeholders involved in making this experience available to so many young people.*

A few memorable highlights:

• Give Next students at Rocky Mountain High School will now have the opportunity to “letter” in Give Next. Letter jackets were distributed this spring to students that excelled in Give Next, providing a tangible connection to school community.

• Students at Cache La Poudre Middle School wrote letters to Congress members asking what they are doing to prevent discrimination against individuals with disabilities. As a result of this advocacy effort, U.S. Congressman Joe Neguse visited with CLPMS students to hear their concerns and discuss strategies.

• North Forty News recently shared a two-part feature of Give Next in their April and June editions — check them out!

*Written by Sara Maranowicz, Community Programs Director, and featured in the Give Where You Live newsletter distributed to members of Give 10, an initiative of Bohemian Foundation.

Save the date! Give Next Kickoff Day: October 1, 2019

Give Next Kickoff Day is the official start of the 2019-2020 Give Next program year for students. Held at Colorado State University, this event features inspiring speakers, a nonprofit fair, nonprofit-led workshops, and a career/post-secondary panel. More details about the event and opportunities to be involved will be shared in August. Stay tuned!
The Give Next experience made me feel very inspired and proud because we worked together to accomplish a big goal. Now, I can continue doing things like this to help the world be a better place.

-2018-2019 Give Next Student

A message from a Give Next donor to students

When I first heard about the Give Next Program in schools, I knew this was a program I wanted to support and get excited about! Philanthropy is dear to my heart and I feel it is very important that young people be introduced to local organizations where they may give and thus make a positive difference in other people’s lives. I am sure because of the work you have done together over the past school year, guided by your teacher, that your eyes and hearts have been opened to some of the situations and needs in our community.

My hope is that you will understand that the act of giving does make you feel happy and that philanthropy can be a part of your lives forever. We all want to make a creative difference in the world and this is one way to do it. Remember, it doesn’t matter how much you give financially, it is the act and experience of giving of oneself that will bring you happiness and joy.

Sincerely,

A 2018-2019 Give Next Classroom Donor

2018-2019 Grantees

3Hopeful Hearts
Alliance for Suicide Prevention
Alternatives to Violence
Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County
Canyon Concert Ballet
CASA of Larimer County
Catholic Charities
ChildSafe Colorado
Crossroads Safehouse
Dance Express
Disabled Resource Services
Easterseals Colorado
Family Housing Network of Fort Collins
Food Bank for Larimer County
Foothills Gateway
Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
Fort Collins Rescue Mission
Foundation Music School
Gardens on Spring Creek
Habitat for Humanity
Hearts & Horses
Launch: Community Through Skateboarding
Lubick Foundation d.b.a Ramstrength
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Matthews House
Partners Mentoring Youth
Project Smile
Realities for Children
Respite Care
Royal Family KIDS Camp (Timberline Church)

Fort Collins New Car Dealer Association
Dr. Andy & Pam Howard
Denise & Patrick Juliana
Larry & Pat Kendall
Loveland Community Fund
Blake & Kelly McBartlett

Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center
Specialized Alternatives for Family and Youth
Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center
TEAM Wellness & Prevention
The Arc of Larimer County
The Center for Family Outreach
The Center for Fine Art Photography
The Family Center / La Familia
Voices Carry Child Advocacy Center
Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program

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