As I visit with so many of you, it is clear we share a simple goal: to make our community a better place. We give as one way to invest in the future of our community. The idea of leaving something behind that will “live forever” is appealing and legacy takes many forms – children, grandchildren, a business, an ideal, a book, a home, some piece of ourselves, a community.

Summer gives us a chance to slow down, to sit on the porch, to take a hike or spend time on the river. I challenge all of us to spend a few of those quiet, summer moments to ask: What does my legacy say about me, about the things I value? How will I pass a sense of community on to my children, grandchildren, family and loved ones?

As partners in Give 10, you have inspired others and been part of a transformation. Your passion, influence and creativity have left fingerprints all over our community. Together, we are building a legacy through community—one act of giving at a time.

Give every day and live generously.

YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY

WHAT IS GIVE 10?

Give 10 is a group of like-minded local givers. Currently, over 350 local households are annually giving—or are on their way—$10,000 plus each to Larimer County nonprofit organizations.

350 Give 10 partners = $3,500,000 in charitable giving, annually!

EMERGING LEADERS

All in the Family

Emerging Leaders, Ken & Linda Sandberg award a matching gift of $5,000 to Fort Collins High School Band in support of their grandson, Austin’s, passion for music. Accepting the awesome gift is David Miles, FCHS.

Corporate Giving

Ken Severson of NVIDIA awards Amy Pezzani, Food Bank for Larimer County a Give 10 Emerging Leader gift of $10,000.
Giving can boost a child’s self-esteem, develop social skills, foster an introduction to the greater world and encourage kids to appreciate their own lifestyle. But where to start?

Find THEIR Spark – Help your child find a mission and cause of their own. What excites them through discussions, books, music, movies, etc?

The 3 Ts – Talk about the ways we give our time, our talent (Good with computers? Help with a database.), or treasure. What does the organization need most? What is the best fit for the time and bandwidth your child has to give? Talk with your child about their savings and earnings, and support them as they give whatever they can—no gift is too small!

Take Time – Help your child ask questions and explore impact. How is the organization making a difference? Visit the nonprofit, check out web sites together, talk about other nonprofits that provide the same or similar services.

Have Fun – Giving should feel good and with your help, your child’s giving can be a rewarding & successful experience. Finding the right cause and way to give is a great start to a lifetime of giving!

The Power of Half:
One Family’s Decision to Stop Taking and Start Giving Back
by Kevin Salwen & Hannah Salwen

Warm, funny, deeply moving and wholly uplifting, The Power of Half is the story of how one family walked away from the status quo by selling their upscale Atlanta home and donating ½ of the profit to a worthy cause. Along the way they would inspire so many others wrestling with the same questions: Do I give enough? How much is enough? How can I make an impact in the world?

“The most important lesson I learned from Give Next is to be thankful for what you have and never take things for granted.” ~14 years old

“Volunteer work tends to bring out the best in people.” ~14 years old

“By following the road map in the book, you can build your own project, and in turn create deeper bonds among your family, community, any group you choose. Oh, and of course make the world a little better at the same time.” - Kevin Salwen

Give Next is a local school-based program designed to introduce students to the vital role nonprofits and philanthropy play in the community. Through philanthropy and volunteering, Give Next gives students hands-on experiences in collaboration, service and leadership.

Fort Collins High School, Poudre High School, Lesher Middle School, Preston Middle School, and Webber Middle School each piloted Give Next for the first year and received $5,000 each—donated by local businesses, foundations and philanthropists. Students worked together to identify community needs, research nonprofits, volunteer, review grant applications, make funding decisions, and award grants.

Take a moment to watch inspiring video and student interviews at: www.give-next.org

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