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**LARIMER COUNTY YOUTH KICK OFF YEAR OF GIVING OCT. 2**

**Note to editors:** Reporters are welcome to attend Philanthropy Day. To attend, please call June Greist at 970-481-4361. The event will run 9:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Oct. 2 at Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Road, Fort Collins.

**FORT COLLINS, Colo.** Sept. 28, 2015 — More than 225 Larimer County middle and high school students and 30 local nonprofits will gather on Oct. 2 to kick off their participation in Give Next, a year-long program designed to teach students about giving and the important roles nonprofits play in our community.

The Oct. 2 Give Next event, called Philanthropy Day, will include speakers, a nonprofit fair, a nonprofit career panel and workshops led by nonprofit staff. The event will provide students with information about community issues and nonprofits, and about ways they can contribute to their community. After Philanthropy Day, participating students launch into a year-long curriculum through Give Next.

Give Next is a school-based youth philanthropy program that offers middle and high school students experience with the power of teamwork, the impact they can have on their community and the rewards of giving. Through the program, local businesses, foundations and individuals become classroom donors by providing each participating school in the Poudre and Thompson Valley School Districts with \$5,000 to award to Larimer County nonprofits. With the financial support of these donors, 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. Students also can create and manage their own fundraising campaigns to add to the original \$5,000. At the end of the school year, students award grants to selected nonprofits.

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. To learn more about Give Next, visit [bohemianfoundation.org/community-programs/give-next](http://bohemianfoundation.org/community-programs/give-next).

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