Impacts of COVID-19

Give Next teaches young people that it feels good to give, and also helps develop skills like leadership, empathy, responsibility, and the ability to compromise and work together through challenges. These skills were put to the test as schools in Poudre and Thompson School Districts moved to remote learning mid-March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This unexpected shift presented some real challenges for students and teachers alike, including lack of reliable internet access, difficulty engaging in remote learning, and struggling with the mental health implications of isolation. However, the Give Next teachers and students rose to the occasion and made the most out of this difficult situation. With in-person meetings brought to a sudden halt, Give Next classes had to quickly pivot to digital platforms in order to meet with each other, conduct site visits, or talk to classroom donors.

Each Give Next class typically holds an Award Ceremony in April or May where students present their grants and talk about what the Give Next experience has meant to them. With in-person gatherings ruled out, many Give Next classes opted to present grant awards with videos, slideshows, pictures, and quotes.

Ultimately, each Give Next class was able to complete its grantmaking commitment, collectively giving a total of $115,987 to 44 Larimer County nonprofits. $105,000 of those dollars were provided by Give Next classroom donors, and $10,987 was raised by Give Next students. Although the end of the Give Next year didn’t go as planned, we’re so proud of the way Give Next students and teachers stepped into this responsibility at a time when nonprofits can benefit from support more than ever.

STUDENT REFLECTION from HIGH PLAINS SCHOOL

“Give Next means a lot to me…and it made a huge impact on my life. Give Next brought out a side of me that I never knew existed. There were a lot of hard choices to make, but it was fun. We got to see…how much we helped the community. With every [extra] dollar we raised, we helped somebody. Give Next made me see the world in a different way.”
Donor Spotlight: Dohn Construction

“Dohn Construction has always been dedicated to giving back to the communities in which we work, and Give Next is a great way to do that. We have been Give Next classroom donors for nine years, and love that 100% of our donation goes to Larimer County nonprofits. These nonprofits need support now more than ever, and empowering students through Give Next makes donor dollars even more impactful.”

- Stephanie Dohn

Find more information about becoming a Give Next classroom donor on our website: www.givenextnoco.org

2019-2020 Grantees

Thanks to the many nonprofits that dedicate their time throughout the school year to make Give Next a meaningful learning experience for students. This year, students awarded $115,987 to 44 Larimer County nonprofits.

- 3Hopeful Hearts
- A Friend 4U
- Alliance for Suicide Prevention
- Alternatives to Violence
- American Cancer Society
- Ashley Doolittle Foundation
- Aspire 3D
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County
- CASA of Larimer County
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Family Outreach
- ChildSafe Colorado
- Colorado Youth Outdoors
- Crossroads Safehouse
- Disabled Resource Services
- Family Housing Network of Fort Collins
- FoCo Cafe
- Food Bank for Larimer County
- Foothills Gateway
- Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
- Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County
- Habitat for Humanity
- Harvest Farm
- Healing Warrior Program
- Heart-J Center for Experiential Learning
- Hearts & Horses
- Homeward Alliance
- Larimer County 4-H
- Launch: Community Through Skateboarding
- Light of the Rockies Christian Counseling Center
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- National Association for Interpretation
- Neighbor to Neighbor
- One Community One Family
- Partners Mentoring Youth
- Respite Care
- Royal Family KIDS
- Saturday Morning
- Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center
- The Family Center / La Familia
- The Nappie Project
- UCHealth Northern Colorado
- Voices Carry Child Advocacy Center
- Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program

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