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STUDENTS AWARD NEARLY \$170,000 TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

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

Poudre Community Academy: Healing Warriors Program, 3Hopeful Hearts, Alternatives to Violence, Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County, Homeward Alliance

Poudre High School: Meals on Wheels, Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County, Teaching Tree Early Childhood Learning Center, Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County **Preston Middle School:** ChildSafe Colorado, SNAPP!, 3Hopeful Hearts

PSD Global Academy: McBackpack, Inc., Food Bank for Larimer County, Sleep in Heavenly Peace **Rocky Mountain High School:** Healing Warriors Program, Hearts & Horses, Outreach Fort Collins, 3Hopeful Hearts

Webber Middle School: Crossroads Safehouse, Alternatives to Violence, CASA of Larimer County **Wellington High School:** ChildSafe Colorado, Hearts & Horses

Wellington Middle School: Crossroads Safehouse, Alternatives to Violence

Thompson School District

Berthoud High School: Homeward Alliance, House of Neighborly Service, Family Housing Network of Fort Collins, Food Bank for Larimer County, Outreach Fort Collins, Vindeket Foods

Conrad Ball Middle School: ChildSafe Colorado, Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County, Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County

High Plains School: Crossroads Safehouse, The Crawford Child Advocacy Center, Cor Defense **Loveland High School:** Alternatives to Violence, Cor Defense, The Avery Center

Lucile Erwin Middle School: Heart J Center for Experiential Learning at Sylvan Dale Ranch, Colorado Kids Create

Mountain View High School: Hearts & Horses, Healing Warriors Program, Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County, Family Housing Network of Fort Collins

Riverview PK-8 School: Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County, Family Housing Network of Fort Collins, SNAPP!, Thompson Education Foundation

Thompson Valley High School: FoCo Café, House of Neighborly Service, Food Bank for Larimer County

Turner Middle School: RamStrength (Lubick Foundation) Walt Clark Middle School: The Ember Alliance, FoCo Cafe

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