



FEATURE **Give Next Kickoff Day**
OCTOBER 1, 2018

As we enter the holiday season, we are thankful for the connections and learning that happened at Give Next Kickoff Day. At the event, 350 students from the 18 participating middle and high schools built a foundation for their year focused on giving. Students learned from peers and leaders in the community about making change and had the opportunity to meet with 47 nonprofit organizations at the nonprofit fair and workshops.

Highlights from the day included:

- Karen Orano, our Youth Voice speaker, shared how her personal experience with immigration encouraged her civic leadership with youth and the Latinx population.
- Lauren Schreck and Robert Serunjogi, our keynote speakers, shared their unique partnership building schools in Uganda (Serunjogi's home country). Learn more about their project [here](#).
- The Career Panel returned to Give Next Kickoff Day. Presenters included local professionals who use their passions and careers to help serve community needs.



"The most inspiring thing I learned today was how many people are willing to take the time to help other people." #bestyearevaa
- Give Next Student

**2018-2019
GIVE NEXT SCHOOLS**

Thompson School District:

- Berthoud High School
- High Plains School
- Loveland High School
- Lucile Erwin Middle School
- Mountain View High School
- Thompson Valley High School

Poudre School District:

- Boltz Middle School
- Cache La Poudre Middle IB World Middle School
- Fort Collins High School
- Kinard Core Knowledge Middle School
- Leshar Middle IB World School
- Lincoln Middle IB World School
- Polaris Expeditionary Learning School
- Poudre Community Academy
- Poudre High School
- PSD Global Academy
- Rocky Mountain High School
- Wellington Middle School

Give Next Grant Creates Community Connections

Two years ago, Alternatives to Violence (ATV) received a grant from Poudre Community Academy's (PCA) Give Next class. Students were inspired by ATV's work helping individuals impacted by violence. As an arts-focused Give Next class, they were also interested in ATV's annual art-focused fundraiser, Pastels on 5th. The class saw the fundraiser as an opportunity to express themselves for a good cause. At this year's event, Give Next Teacher Kirsty Adams, and student Gracie, took first place for their collaborative art piece, entitled Rainbow Cat. The piece was dedicated in memory of all the pets who have passed. PCA Give Next students intend to continue this tradition of participating in the event, demonstrating just one of the many ways Give Next forms lasting connections and creates opportunities for students to engage with nonprofits in their communities.



Donor Spotlight: canvasSM credit union

Canvas Credit Union is dedicated to giving back to the Colorado communities it serves and focuses on initiatives that support schools. It has supported Give Next since the 2017-2018 school year and through that support has empowered students to grant awards to nonprofits serving individuals with disabilities as well as individuals experiencing homelessness. Staff from Canvas Credit Union generously spend time in Give Next classrooms sharing their perspective on what it means to give. Thank you to Canvas Credit Union for being a Give Next Classroom Donor.

"In a world that often seems angry and selfish, Give Next teaches kids about being kind, empathetic, and generous. It is a joy to watch them research their giving and the grant award events are so powerful they always make me cry. I love Give Next and am honored to be a part of it!"
- Nancy Patton, Community Involvement Specialist, Canvas Credit Union

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2018-2019 Community Impact by the Numbers


\$90,000
contributed
by donors

+


\$23,000
student
fundraising goal

=

\$113,000
supporting the student-selected
community issues below

- Poverty & homelessness
- Access to family resources

- Child abuse & neglect
- Mental health
- Suicide prevention
- Sexual assault
- Disabilities
- Creative arts

Give Next classrooms are now accepting grant applications.

Visit: www.givenextnoco.org to learn how to apply.

Application deadline is **December 10, 2018.**



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