HISTORY

Started by Harold and Arlene Schnitzer in 1997, CommuniCare channels The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation’s commitment to small, community giving into a school-based youth philanthropy program.

In its 21-year history, students have granted over $1,000,000 to over 230 nonprofit organizations and school programs.

Stewardship and education are of primary importance to Harold and Arlene’s son, Jordan Schnitzer, who is honoring his parents’ legacy and commitment by expanding the CommuniCare program.

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At a Glance

CommuniCare is a year-long grantmaking program that gives Oregon high school students an opportunity to learn more about issues affecting their communities and to develop a deeper commitment to social activism. We ask students to:

- Fundraise during the fall and winter months, which The CARE Foundation matches 10:1 up to $15,000
- Create a mission statement for their group
- Research and identify potential nonprofit recipients
- Evaluate grant proposals, interview candidates, and select final recipients

CommuniCare can be integrated into an existing class or adapted for an in-school or after school club. It’s completely free and student-directed.

Why Join CommuniCare?

Students gain:

- Leadership, problem solving, and public speaking skills
- A deeper understanding of how nonprofit organizations work
- The personal satisfaction that comes with philanthropic giving
- A sense of civic engagement
- A more nuanced view of issues that affect Oregon communities
- New relationships with nonprofit organizations that can lead to internship opportunities and future career paths