

IMPACT awards grant money

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- Several northeast Colorado nonprofit organizations were recently awarded a total of \$5,000 in grant money from Holyoke High School's IMPACT program.
- IMPACT (Involving Many People Across Communities Today) was organized by the student leadership class and has taken over responsibilities of the traditional EPYCS club (El Pomar Youth in Community Service).
- According to advisor Tracy Trumper, El Pomar Foundation is phasing out the EPYCS program over two years. As this process takes place, the new IMPACT group was given \$10,000 to give in grants over the two year period. Trumper noted the group chose to split the money into \$5,000 for this year and the same amount for next year.
- IMPACT's mission statement said the students aim to "empower nonprofit organizations with endowments to meet the needs of childhood education, teen pregnancy and youth recreation in the community."
- With that in mind, IMPACT awarded grant money to the following nonprofits: Dragon's Wagon Preschool, \$460; Holyoke Elementary School, \$500; Phillips County Arts Council, \$290; A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center, \$750; Phillips County Family Education Services, \$500; and Northeast Colorado Health Department/Family Recess Respite Program, \$2,500.
- Students involved in the IMPACT program include Diana Baeza, Christina Banaka, Mallory Bennett, Briar Bergner and Karla Cruz. Trumper and Ashley Geist serve as advisors.
- In addition to IMPACT, the student leadership class has been busy with the Penny Harvest project, the recycling program and an outdoor classroom development at HHS.