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Dear Friends of TrueGift,

Our country's future is riding on the education of our children. As Americans, it should concern us that scarcely a week goes by without a news story speaking unfavorably about the performance of our schools. Many causes are suggested: falling budgets, deteriorating buildings, rising immigrant populations. Often ignored, the chronic shortage of school supplies is relatively easy to change but has a major impact.

Every week we hear from teachers about how frustrating it is to teach without adequate supplies. Without proper supplies, in-class writing tests can become a search for a pencil, art classes are simply art history classes, and computer assignments can't be printed out. Our surveys show that teachers often have less than \$5.00 per student with which to provide all the pencils, paper, art supplies, and other essentials for an entire school year.

It can't be done. In more affluent areas, much of the burden shifts to wealthy alumni and the students themselves. For many schools however, the teachers carry the burden of providing supplies. Often teachers spend hundreds of dollars from their own pockets. Unfortunately, all too often the classroom goes unsupplied and education suffers.

TrueGift Donations was formed in 2000, with the idea of making a difference to schools by ensuring adequate supplies and efficiently supplying them to classrooms. Since then, TrueGift has donated supplies to hundreds of schools in dozens of states. This year we hope to supply 500 classrooms and with your help we can. Your contribution makes a critical difference at this time of year. Teachers are setting up their classrooms and making critical curriculum decisions, decisions that depend in part on their ability to get adequate supplies. 📝

-----Detach here and return in the enclosed envelope-----

Yes! I want to help TrueGift make a difference in the lives of America's children.

Please accept my donation of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 Other \$ _____

Check enclosed (payable to TrueGift Donations)

I've donated by Credit Card at <http://www.truegift.com>

TrueGift is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (EIN 77-0554014). Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law

TrueGift is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. Since the founders now pay all overhead and fundraising expenses, 100% of your contribution will be used to buy and deliver schools supplies.

On our website, www.truegift.com, we list the supplies needed by several hundred individual teachers nationwide. TrueGift accepts these lists from K-12 teachers in any accredited public or private school within the United States. By listing the needs of individual teachers, we can make sure that the right supplies go to the right classrooms. Donors may select particular schools or classrooms they want to support or may make a donation to be used where ever there is a need. Most important, anyone can afford enough supplies to make a significant difference.

\$10.00 buys 200 pencils

\$35.00 buys scissors for a classroom

\$50.00 buys a one year supply of printer paper for a classroom.

\$150.00 doubles the typical annual supplies budget for a classroom

\$500.00 provides supplies for three classrooms.

Won't you please contribute generously to a better tomorrow by sending your tax-deductible donation to TrueGift today? America's children will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Marshal L. Merriam
Treasurer
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