

TrueGift Donations

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**"The Easy Way to Improve a
Child's Education"**



Welcome to TrueGift, a small non-profit organizing contributions of school supplies to individual classrooms. We provide a connection between the individual teacher's school supply needs and parents or others who wish to donate. We also purchase and ship school supplies with monies donated to us.

How Does it Work?

Think of us as a gift registry for classrooms needing school supplies. We fill some gift lists from the registry and ask parents and others to fill the rest.

Teachers can request small school supplies where individual items cost less than \$50.00. These supplies typically include paper, pencils, scissors, crayons, and the occasional special item. We focus on supplies we believe are needed and can be supplied efficiently.

The requests, called gift lists, are available on our website (www.truegift.com) to browse or download. Parents can simply pick up school supplies and drop them at the school office.

Who is Eligible?

We support all U.S. schools for which contributions are tax

deductible: public schools, non-profit charter schools, non-profit secular private schools, and non-profit religious schools.

Specifically we support anyone who teaches children from kindergarten to the twelfth grade, including programs for homeless children and special education.

Why Should I Give?

All of us, whether we are parents or not, are impacted by the quality of a child's education. Donating school supplies can have a large effect on the future.

Is My Donation Needed?

Yes. School supplies are one of the lowest expenses in our schools but is the first cut in tight budgets. Good school supplies mean better activities and better use of classroom time. Currently, teachers make up the

shortfall by spending an average of over \$700 per teacher per year from their own paychecks. Some children have enough crayons and scissors, but many do not.

What if teachers get duplicate items?

We update the teachers' requests frequently to prevent duplicate donations, but two parents could donate supplies at the same time. Typically, a teacher will hoard the extra supplies for the next year. We at TrueGift would be thrilled to see a surplus of school supplies occur.

Won't some teachers get more supplies than others? How do you choose who gets the supplies?

We strive to ensure equal access to the TrueGift Donations gift registry. Donors choose which teachers receive school supplies.

Can I donate unused items from my home or business?

Yes. You can donate the specific supplies requested by teachers directly to those teachers. For other supplies, check with your local school to see if it will accept them.

Can I Trust TrueGift?

We like to think so. TrueGift has no paid employees or consultants. 100% of your donation is used to purchase and ship supplies to the classrooms you request. Also, you can bypass TrueGift Donations and ship supplies directly to the classrooms.

Are my donations tax deductible?

Yes. TrueGift Donations, a 501(c)(3) charity, will issue receipts for cash contributions. When donating directly, schools will generally sign for any school supplies you contribute. As a

disclaimer, check with your tax advisor if you donate a large fraction of your income.

Will the class thank me?

We will place any message you provide into each box of school supplies purchased with your donation. This can include contact information so that the class can thank you directly.

What is TrueGift's Privacy Policy?

We hate junk mail and telephone solicitations, too. We don't sell or rent your name. We may email you a newsletter up to four times a year and we email any receipts or statements you request. If you follow a link off our site, read their privacy policy because you are out of our control.

Where Can I learn More?

Come to the TrueGift Donations website: www.truegift.com