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Homeless Students in Tukwila Receive Support from Local Credit Union

SEATTLE WASH. – Over 10 percent of students in Tukwila School District are homeless. State and local officials are teaming up with Inspirus Credit Union to help homeless students in the district.

Tukwila Mayor Allan Ekberg was one of many officials in attendance when Inspirus Credit Union donated \$1,500--in addition to warm clothing and food--to support Tukwila's McKinney-Vento program this winter.

"It's wonderful to see our community come together in support of our students in need," said Mayor Ekberg. "The city of Tukwila and the district work so hard to give these students equal learning opportunities, regardless of any hindrances they may face. It helps so much when our community comes together in support of our students and want to give back to the locally."

With support from education partners like Inspirus, students are getting the extra support they need to prepare for graduation. In 2015, Tukwila's high-school graduation rate among homeless students was up three-percent, compared to the state average.

"We want to level the playing field for students, by providing them with the critical resources to support their academic success," said Inspirus Credit Union President and CEO Scott Adkins. "We're happy to provide these students with the extra support they need to succeed in the classroom, and give them hope for a bright future in education."

This donation will go towards providing homeless students with everyday needs such as socks and underwear, which are among some of the most needed items among homeless students. Food donations will feed students who otherwise might not have access to meals over the weekends, and clothing donations will provide students with warm clothes that fit this winter season.

"We are very thankful to receive support from Inspirus, from Snack Pack, and from the Spirit of Giving," said McKinney-Vento Liaison Jonathan Houston. "The support that you guys are doing is really, very greatly appreciated."

The [McKinney-Vento Act](#) is a federal law that provides funding to homeless shelters. Tukwila School District has its own program to support housing-insecure families within the district. The purpose of this program is to strengthen the quality of lives of those affected.

If you would like to learn more about the Tukwila School District's McKinney-Vento program, or to make a donation, contact Jonathan Houston at (206) 901-7633.

About Inspirus Credit Union

Founded in 1936 by a Seattle math and journalism teacher, Inspirus serves 80,000 members across Washington who share a passion for education. With \$1.1 billion in assets, Inspirus operates branches in Seattle, Spokane, and Lynnwood. Its philanthropy model includes education-giveback programs that allow members to direct charitable contributions to schools in their communities. Inspirus employees donate upwards of 1,000 volunteer hours each year in support of education. For more information, visit inspirusCU.org.

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