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Warm a child, warm your heart, when you donate a winter coat

TUKWILA, WASH. – Imagine you’re in third grade, sitting at your desk as the teacher explains a math problem. You can’t think about the best way to divide 15 apples among 10 of your friends. You’re too worried about recess, and how you’ll explain why you can’t go outside with the rest of the class.

For thousands of kids across Western Washington, having a warm coat to ward off the December chill isn’t a given. Roughly 10 percent of students in the Tukwila School District are housing insecure and qualify for the [McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act](#). For their families, paying for food, shelter, and medicine may mean there’s little left over for winter clothing.

Through Dec. 31, Inspirus Credit Union is hosting a Coats for Kids Drive to collect new or clean, gently used coats. You’re welcome to drop off coats (or other warm winter clothing) at the Seattle, Lynnwood, and Spokane branches. To kick off the drive, Inspirus donated \$1,000 worth of coats and supplies, plus \$1,000 cash to support students in need in the Tukwila, Highline, Kent, Renton, and Tacoma School Districts as well as North Thurston Public Schools.

“Over 2,100 individual students will be appropriately dressed this winter, which reduces illness in our schools,” said Tukwila School District Superintendent Dr. Judith Berry. “Thank you Inspirus Credit Union for supporting the health and wellness of our students,” she added.

“There is an overwhelming amount of need in our community,” said Inspirus President and CEO Scott Adkins. “As a credit union passionate about education, we want students to succeed inside and outside the classroom. We realize that sometimes the best way to help is to simply remove barriers that block students from reaching their potential.”

Inspirus Credit Union continues to serve the education community in Washington through a variety of giveback initiatives. To learn more about how you can support local students in need, visit [Inspirus’s Community Wall](#) inside any branch.

About Inspirus Credit Union

Founded in 1936 by a Seattle math and journalism teacher, Inspirus serves about 80,000 members across Washington who share a passion for education. With over \$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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