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Thanking teachers and giving back to education

Teachers across the nation are being celebrated today in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day and one local organization is celebrating in a big way.

SEATTLE, WASH - Everyone has at least one teacher who has inspired them over the years. Inspirus Credit Union values more than 65,000 teachers across Washington State who work each day to inspire their students.

To celebrate these hardworking educators, Inspirus Credit Union donated over \$15,000 to teachers for school supplies and teaching material to support their students. The donation was made through DonorsChoose.org, an online crowdfunding site where teachers funding requests are met.

This donation supported 28 projects and impacted over 3,200 students across Washington. The donations ranged from \$100 to over \$1,500 to support a multitude of projects from bringing technology into the classroom to support STEM learning, to new books for a reading library in the classrooms.

One teacher at Horizon Elementary School in Everett, Mrs. Peretti, said, "My project was FULLY FUNDED by a very generous organization, Inspirus Credit Union!!! I think this could be the BEST teacher appreciation week I have EVER, EVER, had!! Thank you for all of us here at Horizon for everything!!"

For the entire month of May, each Inspirus branch has a 'thank you' station for teachers. For every thank you note written to teachers that are hung up on the walls in the credit union, Inspirus will donate \$10 to a local school program, benefitting homeless students.

There are so many ways to give thanks to teachers. [Click here](#) for some helpful ideas and resources for how to support a teacher this month.

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. Inspirus Credit Union is a 2017 winner of Puget Sound Business Journal's Corporate Champion Awards, honoring their contributions to education. For more information, visit inspirusCU.org.

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