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**The Puget Sound Business Journal Announces  
Inspirus Credit Union as a 2017 Award Recipient**

Inspirus Credit Union is named a Healthy Community Corporate Champion of Education.

SEATTLE, WASH. – Puget Sound Business Journal Announces Inspirus Credit Union as the Education Champion for giving back to education in Washington State.

REI, Tom Douglas, and Inspirus Credit Union are among award recipients for this year's Healthy Community Corporate Champion Award Winners, hosted by the Puget Sound Business Journal. The award began in collaboration between the Puget Sound Business Journal and the Seattle Foundation to create and sustain healthy communities.

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As a credit union founded by a teacher in 1936, Inspirus Credit Union has focused its mission on philanthropy and giving back to education in Washington for over 80 years.

In addition to providing everyday financial services to members, Inspirus demonstrates its mission of giving back to the education community through volunteer time, monetary giveback and in-kind donations.

Inspirus team members volunteer upwards of 1,000 hours each year in education, supporting schools across the state.

Each credit union branch location is a public drop off site accepting donations to support local McKinney-Vento students in the neighboring school districts. Inspirus team members and community members contribute food, school supplies and clothing donations to support these programs, benefitting homeless students.

In addition to in-kind and volunteer giveback, Inspirus donates a portion of net-earnings each year to worthy education initiatives across the state of Washington. In 2016, Inspirus contributed over \$295,000 to education in our state. This giveback went to programs such as the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center's Student Internship Program. This program allows high school students to immerse themselves in science labs for the summer, encouraging their learning about science and biomedical research.

Over \$200,000 of Inspirus Credit Union's giveback in 2016 went directly to classrooms through a partnership with DonorsChoose.org, an online crowdfunding site which provides teachers with the critical learning materials for their classrooms that they would otherwise go without.

These donations directly benefit local communities across Washington, supporting the world's future doctors, scientists and lab researchers, teachers and professors, and more.

To submit an idea for a potential educational partnership with Inspirus, email [Marketing@inspirusCU.org](mailto:Marketing@inspirusCU.org).

### **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 team members 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](http://inspirusCU.org).

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