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**Surprise donation buys over \$30,000 worth of classroom supplies for
Spokane-area schools**

Inspirus Credit Union donated \$30,944 to Spokane-area teachers, through projects they posted on DonorsChoose.org.

SPOKANE, WASH – Inspirus Credit Union announced today that they donated \$30,944 to Spokane-area classrooms today in a surprise 100 percent “flash fund” of teachers’ school-supply requests posted on the crowdfunding site, DonorsChoose.org.

2,943 students and 34 teachers benefited from Inspirus’s donation. Suzanne Savall, Principal at Otis Orchards Elementary School said, “It means so much to us to have businesses that actually take care of our schools for the requests that we need to help our precious students succeed.” Six teachers at Otis Orchard had projects fully-funded.

Teachers nationwide can use DonorsChoose.org to post funding requests for unmet classroom needs such as:

- Calculators
- Microscopes
- New desks and chairs
- Field trip experiences

DonorsChoose.org is an online crowdfunding site where teachers can post their classroom needs. Donors, like Inspirus, can go online, choose a project to donate to, and fund the project.

Last year, Inspirus donated more than \$70,000 to Washington teachers through DonorsChoose.org. “We’re passionate about education and giving back to the education community,” said Vice President of Marketing, Sherry Lotze. “Considering that many of our employees are former school teachers, we understand how difficult it can be for teachers to get the classroom supplies they need,” said Lotze. “This kind of giveback goes to the heart of our mission.”

Each year, teachers across the country spend an average of \$400 out of their own pockets to buy supplies for their classrooms, according to Forbes.

To celebrate its 80th anniversary, Inspirus Credit Union plans more random 100 percent flash funds of Donorschoose.org requests in cities throughout the state.

About Inspirus Credit Union

Founded in 1936 by a Seattle teacher, Inspirus serves more than 80,000 members across Washington who share a passion for education. With \$1 billion in assets, Inspirus operates branches in Seattle and Spokane. Its philanthropy model includes education-giveback programs that allow members to direct charitable contributions to schools in their communities. Employees donate upwards of 800 volunteer hours a year in support of education. In addition, community education representatives provide free financial seminars, professional development, and recognition to school employees statewide. For more information, visit inspirusCU.org.

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