



Treasures 4 Teachers' (T4T) mission is to provide free and low-cost supplies to teachers from the community's reusable resources. In the last thirteen years, Treasures 4 Teachers has developed from a small garage-based operation to an organization with two warehouse locations and a mobile program that reaches more than 250,000 students and diverts over 2,500,000 cubic feet of reusable materials from landfills each year.

An annual membership gives a teacher access to the Treasures 4 Teachers Creative Reuse Center. Participating teachers stock up by filling shopping bags with their chosen supplies for just \$5 per bag. Typical items teachers shop for include paper, craft supplies, and most of T4T's recycled items such as CDs, DVD cases, and cardboard boxes that are used in classroom projects.

While donated items are often repurposed into creative classroom projects, T4T also offers teachers access to brand new supplies as well. As an affiliate of the Kids in Need Foundation, T4T receives 50-60 pallets of new school supplies each month from retailers such as Target, Staples, JoAnn, and United Stationers. These supplies are distributed to members through the Creative Reuse Center and through our mobile program, T4T on Wheels all for free. In 2017, \$2,500,000 worth of brand new school supplies were put into the hands of low-income students through Treasures 4 Teachers' programs.

In the past year, grant funding from Tempe Diablos Charities has provided free memberships for teachers in 39 schools, including numerous Kyrene district schools, preschools, and other elementary schools in Tempe. Educators that received a membership last year had the following responses:

"Tempe Diablos, Thank you so much!! This will really help me to support my students in their learning. Our students struggle to be fed and to have clothes so I have to buy supplies for my students. This will really help me. Thanks!" M. Brown

"I am a new teacher with student loans and 2 kids. Thank you so much. This is so helpful and amazing." J. Westfall

"Thank you for a year of free memberships to Treasures 4 Teachers. Every year I spend more money of my own on things for students. Thank you!"

T4T is requesting an increase in funding to provide memberships to even more teachers in 2018. A \$15,000 grant will provide memberships to 385 educators, putting school supplies into the hands of 11,550 early learners.

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