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Herb Kohl Philanthropies Funds All Wisconsin Education Project Requests on DonorsChoose

MILWAUKEE — This Valentine's Day, Herb Kohl Philanthropies is showing love to teachers by once again funding all Wisconsin project requests on the nonprofit education funding site DonorsChoose.

Through the initiative, the Milwaukee-based philanthropic organization has funded more than 550 teacher project requests across the state. These projects will help provide books, educational supplies and technology items, along with basic needs like food, clothing and hygiene for students.

This year marks the fourth time Herb Kohl Philanthropies has funded all Wisconsin project requests made through DonorsChoose.

“Now more than ever, we want to show teachers just how much we appreciate their efforts to provide much-needed supplies and learning opportunities, especially during this incredibly challenging school year,” said Herb Kohl. “We love our teachers, who continue to go above and beyond in caring for Wisconsin’s students. This school year has brought many challenges to teachers and students alike. In these 550 projects, we see persistence, adjustment and creativity. We hope this funding helps advance learning and brings a lot of joy to classrooms—both in person and virtually.”

On Thursday, a “you just got funded” message will land in the inboxes of 425 teachers, creating unique student learning experiences and letting teachers know how much Herb Kohl values their dedication and innovation. Immediately following the flash funding, Herb Kohl Philanthropies will launch a 1:1 matching campaign, doubling all donations to Wisconsin teacher requests for books, basic supplies and food, clothing and hygiene items.

“Teachers have faced innumerable challenges this year, and we so appreciate the generosity of Herb Kohl Philanthropies as they spread love to teachers across the state with this special surprise,” said Charles Best, founder of DonorsChoose. “We know this support will be greatly appreciated by the Wisconsin teachers who move mountains every day to keep students learning.”

Since 2016, Herb Kohl Philanthropies has provided nearly \$3 million for classroom support to Wisconsin’s teachers through the DonorsChoose platform. Through flash funding, matching grants and targeted initiatives that support social-emotional learning, more than 4,000 total projects have been brought to life in schools across the state.

About Herb Kohl Philanthropies

Herb Kohl Philanthropies is a private foundation that operates as one entity supporting several initiatives all aimed at improving economic opportunity and quality of life for the people of

Milwaukee and Wisconsin. The foundation's passion and commitment emphasize investments in education. Highlights include support for collaborations including M-cubed, Milwaukee Succeeds, and City Forward Collective, direct funding for classroom projects designed by and in support of Wisconsin teachers, nearly \$25 million in awards to Wisconsin educators, students, and schools, a \$10 million initiative to expand the UW Madison LaFollette School of Public Affairs, and annual Learning Journeys to Washington DC for Wisconsin students.

About DonorsChoose

Founded in 2000, DonorsChoose is a nonprofit website that makes it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Teachers at 85 percent of all the public schools in America have created project requests, and more than 4.7 million people have donated \$1 billion to projects that inspire them. All told, 85,000 schools—mostly serving students from low-income communities, and many in disaster-stricken areas—have provided students with books, art supplies, field trips, technology, and other resources that they need to learn.

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