

Wireless Carrier Partners with DonorsChoose.org to fund \$1 million in Classroom Projects

CHICAGO, /PRNewswire/ -- More than 1,750 teachers across the country received the exciting news from U.S. Cellular that their classroom projects had been funded through the company's "Calling All Teachers" campaign. For a second year, the wireless carrier partnered with philanthropic website DonorsChoose.org to fund \$1 million in creative and impactful classroom projects submitted by public school teachers. The donation will benefit more than 160,000 students nationwide.

"Teachers continue to forge ahead working hard to educate our children," said Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL). "Support and concern from the business community makes a significant difference as schools focus on ensuring the success of every child."

U.S. Cellular's giving strategy is focused on education and the pressing needs of schools. Lack of funding has caused many of them to eliminate critical programs and operate with limited supplies. Calling All Teachers is one of the initiatives the phone company developed to offer schools help with these financial challenges.

"Our children deserve the best resources as they pursue their education," said U.S. Cellular President and CEO Mary N. Dillon. "We recognize how important teachers are in helping children reach their full potential, and we're happy to support them as they commit themselves to youth, day in and day out."

Teachers across the country posted classroom projects that ranged from the basic to the technically advanced. Some asked for novels, bookshelves and calculators, while others requested LCD projectors, digital cameras and a TI Navigator System.

"U.S. Cellular's continued support of education is definitely making an impact in schools across the nation," said Charles Best, founder and CEO of DonorsChoose.org. "The company's donations from both last year and this year allow teachers to do more in the classroom, and our children reap the benefits."

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