



## Press Release

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## **TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS' ANNUAL SUPPLY DRIVE RAISES MORE THAN \$100,000 WORTH OF GIFT CARDS FOR TEACHERS**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Tucson Supplies Teachers, an annual supply drive run by Tucson Values Teachers, has raised \$111,500 worth of gift cards for K-12 teachers in Southern Arizona to use for classroom materials and supplies. Tucson Supplies Teachers is the largest school supply drive in the region and the only regional supply drive that directly invests in teachers and allows educators to shop for their specific classroom needs. Tucson Supplies Teachers has delivered more than \$1,100,000 worth of school supplies since its inception in 2009.

Katie Rogerson, Chief Operating Officer for Tucson Values Teachers, said, *“Tucson Supplies Teachers is an important program for Tucson Values Teachers, providing Southern Arizona teachers with a \$50 gift card to Office Depot/OfficeMax to offset the cost of classroom materials. Thanks to the commitment of our program sponsor Tucson Electric Power, as well as the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment, we’re able to fulfill the request of all teachers that registered in this year’s supply drive.”*

Community members and businesses interested in making a donation towards next year’s supply drive can visit [www.TucsonValuesTeachers.org](http://www.TucsonValuesTeachers.org) for information on how to contribute.

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*Tucson Values Teachers (TVT) is a business and education partnership focused on helping schools and districts attract, retain and support the very best teachers for every K-12 classroom in Southern Arizona. The organization recognizes the critical role teachers play in student achievement and the vital influence they have on Tucson’s future. It does this work by raising public awareness of the value of the teaching profession while providing programs that benefit teachers economically and professionally. For more information and to support TVT, visit [tucsonvaluesteachers.org](http://tucsonvaluesteachers.org) or call (520) 327-7619.*