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**TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS CELEBRATES TUCSON ELECTRIC
POWER'S \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION TO ANNUAL SUPPLY DRIVE**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Representatives from Tucson Values Teachers and Tucson Electric Power (TEP) celebrated TEP's \$100,000 donation to Tucson Supplies Teachers, an annual supply drive, with a check presentation this morning at Laguna Elementary School. In addition to formally recognizing TEP's continued support of Tucson Supplies Teachers, the presentation included awarding all teachers at Laguna with a \$50 gift card to Office Depot/OfficeMax.

With TEP's \$100,000 contribution, the fall 2019 Tucson Supplies Teachers drive was able to raise \$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 \$1.1 million worth of school supplies since its inception in 2009.

Andy Heinemann, Chief Executive Officer for Tucson Values Teachers, said, *"It is important for Tucson Values Teachers to recognize the contributions made by local businesses to our educators. Our education community directly benefits from the partnerships we make with companies such as Tucson Electric Power so it was fitting to hold the check presentation at a local school. We were able to fulfill the request of all teachers that registered in the most recent supply drive thanks to the support of TEP, as well as the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and Desert Diamond Casinos & Entertainment."*

Community members and businesses interested in making a donation towards the next supply drive can visit 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 or call (520) 327-7619.