

## Press Release For Immediate Release

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## TUCSON VALUES TEACHERS' ANNUAL SUPPLY DRIVE IS NOW OPEN

K-12 Southern Arizona Teachers Can Register to Win \$50 Gift Card for School Supplies

TUCSON, Ariz. – Tucson Supplies Teachers, an annual supply drive run by Tucson Values Teachers, is now open to K-12 teachers in Southern Arizona. Teachers can sign up for a chance to win a \$50 Office Depot/OfficeMax gift card between now and the end of August by visiting <a href="www.TucsonValuesTeachers.org">www.TucsonValuesTeachers.org</a>. Tucson Supplies Teachers is the largest school supply drive in the region, occurring every summer, 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 \$1,000,000 worth of school supplies since its inception in 2009.

Katie Rogerson, Chief Operating Officer for Tucson Values Teachers, said, "Tucson Supplies Teachers is about supporting and showing gratitude for educators. Many teachers spend upwards of \$500 of their own money on school supplies each year. Thanks to the commitment of Tucson Electric Power and other community partners we are able to help teachers purchase classroom tools for student success."

In addition to the collaboration with Tucson Electric Power, TVT works with other community partners to raise funds for Tucson Supplies Teachers. A partnership with Office Depot/OfficeMax allows teachers to use the TVT Teacher Discount Card for special deals on supplies, which can stretch their \$50 gift card to nearly \$75 worth of supplies.

Community members and businesses interested in making a donation towards the supply drive can visit <a href="https://www.TucsonValuesTeachers.org">www.TucsonValuesTeachers.org</a> 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.