

NSEA Children's Fund *...helping children realize a better today & tomorrow.*

Members of the Nebraska State Education Association recognize that many students in our schools are struggling. Some live without the basic necessities of food, clothing and shelter, despite the availability of social assistance programs.

The NSEA established the Children's Fund in 1994 to fulfill modest and immediate needs of these students – students encountered daily by NSEA members in their workplaces.

Supported by donations, the Children's Fund makes funds available to NSEA members who might otherwise reach into their own pocket to buy a warm coat or a new pair of shoes for a student.

In some cases, the Fund supplements other sources of assistance and cooperates with merchants to help a child with a more complex problem.

The Fund works to ensure that the physical, social and emotional needs of students do not stand in the way of their success in school.

How to Use the Children's Fund

There is never red tape or lengthy delay for members who want to use the Fund. A simple toll-free call to the NSEA (800-742-0047) is usually all that is needed. All requests are handled discreetly and confidentially. Recipients are never identified or disclosed. Often it is the NSEA member involved who actually delivers the needed services.

It is this personal nature of the Children's Fund operation that sets it apart from most traditional sources of financial assistance.

The generosity of Children's Fund donors has helped to pay for glasses, warm clothing, medical and dental needs of children; provided assistance to a family whose home and

belongings were destroyed by fire; purchased a bus ticket for a child with no other means to get to school; and more.

As a 501c(3) corporation, your contributions to the NSEA Children's Fund are tax deductible.

Won't you help a needy child today?

Complete the donation form on the back of this brochure or make contributions online at:

www.nsea.org/childrensfund

For more information, call the NSEA at
(800) 742-0047

On behalf of all the children in Nebraska, the 28,000 members of the NSEA thank you for your support.



NSEA Children's Fund Donation Form

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Local Association (if applicable)

Total Pledge: \$ _____

Send this form and your donation to:

NSEA Children's Fund
605 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-2742

Or donate online at
www.nsea.org/childrensfund

Remember, your donation is tax-deductible.

Letters of Appreciation



From teachers:

"Thank you so much for assisting three new students obtain vision exams and much needed glasses. You were so kind to work with and replied so promptly to our request. We greatly appreciate this program and all you are doing to help children in communities across Nebraska."

"You help our families more than you realize and we are so thankful!"

From students:

"I pull my glasses down and I see wavy black lines on that wall. I push my glasses up and I see a big rainbow. I pull my glasses down and I do not see any letters. I push my glasses up and I see all the letters of the alphabet. On my way to school today, I saw trees that were pink and trees that were purple and trees that were white. Beautiful! This is the best day of my life!"

"Thank you for the money for clothes, shoes and underclothes; I really needed them. My mom was happy to hear that someone was helping us, because my mom doesn't have money for clothes. I got some really neat stuff like sweaters, t-shirts, purple and pink shoes, and undershirts. My mom would want me to say thanks for her, so thank you from the both of us."

"Thank you for the clothes. They will keep me warm this winter. That was very kind of you. I can't wait to wear them."



The NSEA Children's Fund



Our future

rests in the *hopes* and
dreams of our children.

Their *success* depends in large part on
their *education* and their
readiness to learn.