

## School Supplies worth \$7,500 to Be Donated by Washington Insurance Agents to Local Students and Teachers

### **Farmers Insurance as Part of Its Thank America's Teachers Initiative, to Donate Much Needed Supplies to Three Elementary Schools in Everett, Graham and Seattle, May 27 - 29**

**Seattle, Wa. (May 21, 2015)** - Local Farmers Insurance agents will make stops next week at Madison Elementary in Everett, West Woodland Elementary in Seattle, and Rocky Ridge Elementary in Graham, to donate a combined total of \$7,500 worth of school supplies as part of the Farmers Insurance Thank America's Teachers bus tour to thank teachers across the country.

Farmers Insurance agents Peter Sexton, Elaine J. Eugenio and Dale Kelley are among the biggest supporters of the Thank America's Teachers bus stopping by each school to donate much needed supplies, which will include pencils, pens, paper, crayons, binders, dictionaries, and more.

"I've been a Farmers Insurance Agency Owner in the community of Everett since 2007 and I am big supporter our local teachers and their students," said Sexton. I was a teacher for 28 years, most of those years being in the Lake Stevens School District. My children attended the Everett schools and Madison Elementary is so close to my office I wanted to make sure that the students received supplies as part of the Thank America's Teachers bus tour."

"The Thank America's Teachers program is an incredibly important and personal initiative with my personal connections with the teachers and students at West Woodland Elementary," said Eugenio. "I am proud that Farmers is focusing on giving America the opportunity to give thanks to teachers that deserve to be recognized for their dedication and hard-work in the classroom."

"It's been a privilege to serve the community of Graham as both a member of the community and a Farmers Insurance Agency Owner," said Kelley. "I hope that the supplies we donate to Rocky Ridge Elementary as part of our Thank America's Teachers initiative will help the teachers continue their unrelenting work educating our students so that they can be successful in the future."

Farmers, inspired by the great work done by teachers every day, created the Thank America's Teachers initiative, to say thank you to America's educators and give away more than \$1,000,000 in educational grants to teachers in 2015.

Launched at the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego, California, Thank America's Teachers features an iconic yellow school bus that is traveling coast-to-coast delivering opportunities to say thank you to teachers who give their time, talent and knowledge to ensure that our nation's children become smarter and better prepared for the future.

"We are thrilled to have agents like Peter, Elaine and Dale support the Thank America's Teachers initiative," said Kelly LaMar, managing lead of Thank America's Teachers at Farmers Insurance. "Farmers is proud to be able to provide teachers with funds necessary to help advance education in classrooms across America."

Through Thank America's Teachers, Farmers will give away more than \$1,000,000 to educators in 2015 and the public will help determine who receives the grants by voting online at [ThankAmericasTeachers.com](http://ThankAmericasTeachers.com). In addition to these local donations, Farmers will award 180 grants valued at \$2,500 throughout the year. There will be a

total of three rounds of 60 winners announced and teachers are urged to submit proposals in May for the current round. In addition, six Dream Big Teacher Challenge grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to help support innovative educational programs in communities across the country. Teachers can enter to win the \$100,000 grant before the end of June. The 15 finalists will be announced in September and the public can vote for their favorite teacher in October. Winners of the Dream Big Teacher Challenge will be announced in December.

Whether online at [www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com](http://www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com) or at stops in communities across the country, if a person has the email address of the teacher they wish to thank, their thank you will be delivered to that teacher in the form of an electronic postcard. It's a simple and fun way to let teachers know of the difference they make or made in the lives of their students.

Ways the public can join the effort to Thank America's Teachers:

Go to [www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com](http://www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com) to thank a teacher and vote for a teacher's proposal

Once thanked, teachers can visit [www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com](http://www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com) to submit a proposal for a \$2,500 grant, which America can vote on in June, and for one of six \$100,000 grants as part of the Dream Big Teacher Challenge, which need to be submitted on or before June 30, 2015.

Farmers Insurance is working in partnership with AdoptAClassroom.org, a national non-profit, to help teachers acquire the supplies and equipment they have requested in their proposals.

For more information about upcoming bus stops or the initiative, please visit: [www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com](http://www.ThankAmericasTeachers.com)

### **About AdoptAClassroom.org**

AdoptAClassroom.org (AAC) gives teachers a hand by providing much needed classroom supplies and materials to help their students learn and succeed. As an award-winning 501(c)(3), AAC makes it easy for donors to provide funding and support to K-12 classrooms in public, private and charter schools throughout the U.S. On average, teachers spend \$500 of their own money each year to equip their classrooms - 10% of teachers spend more than \$1000 annually. Since 1998 AdoptAClassroom.org has raised over \$22 million and benefited more than 5 million students throughout the U.S. AAC holds a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. For more information, or to adopt a classroom, please visit [www.adoptaclassroom.org](http://www.adoptaclassroom.org)

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