



A Gift For Teaching

The Need.

More than **half** the students in Central Florida can't afford lunch let alone school supplies. In many cases, devoted teachers spend between \$500-\$1,000 of their own money to buy supplies for students and classrooms.



Our Solution Helps Bridge the Gap While Bettering the Community and Environment.

A Gift For Teaching's concept is beautifully simple: local businesses take unwanted supplies or surplus merchandise that would otherwise get thrown away and donate it for distribution through the Free Stores for teachers. More than **9,742 teachers** from Central Florida's **324 public schools** can then "shop" for free to make sure the more than **171,566 students** in our community have what they need to learn.

In addition, A Gift For Teaching not only provides opportunities for success for students, teachers and businesses, but it does so through an innovative and environmentally sound concept. In 2007 and 2010, A Gift For Teaching was recognized by the Florida Council of Sustainability as the **Most Sustainable Non-Profit in Florida**. Since inception, A Gift For Teaching has diverted **4,070 tons** of waste from landfills.

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Our Report Card - Since 1998

Value of Goods Distributed	\$62,063,158.65
Pencils Taken to Classroom	5,973,400
Books Taken to Classroom	1,041,495
Teacher Visits	168,782
Value of Product Distributed Daily	\$44,236.16
Value for Each Shopping Visit	\$432.93
Volunteer Hours Donated	394,696
Individual & Corporate Donors	8,207

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Maximizing Donations While Maximizing Students' Success.

For every **\$1 received** at A Gift For Teaching, **\$10 worth of supplies** goes back to the classroom. Free Store product donations including basic supplies

such as pencils, crayons, glue, backpacks and books are necessary educational tools for a student's success, but additional product donations such as new toys, videos, stuffed animals and art supplies are also essential classroom tools for teachers and an easy way for businesses to give back while recycling unwanted, yet useable materials.