



Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF)

The charitable arm of TRTA!

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Who We Are

- ❖ TRTF is a non-profit organization that works to provide resources for retired TRS annuitants, as well as active and beginning teachers. We are the charitable partner organization of TRTA.

What We Do

We help educators of the past, present and future by supporting four charitable programs, an educational program, and an endowment fund:

- ❖ **Beginning Teacher Scholarships** for first-year educators
- ❖ **Classroom Assistance Grants** for current educators to assist with classroom projects
 - ❖ **"A Helping Hand"** for retired school personnel who need financial assistance
- ❖ **Disaster Relief Fund** for retirees and active educators struggling financially after natural disasters in Texas (such as hurricanes)
- ❖ **The Legacy Campaign** to promote a positive image of public education in Texas and provide resources for educators of all generations to connect with another and learn about TRS
- ❖ **The Lehr-Pritchard Endowment Fund** to raise funds in honor of the 25th anniversary of the CPI Catch-Up Plan, led in part by former TRTA Executive Director and TRTF Trustee Mike Lehr. If all members of TRTA donate \$30 to the fund, TRTF can use the earnings to fund "A Helping Hand" for the foreseeable future.

Why We Need You!

Your help is needed at the district or local unit level to keep members informed about the Foundation's activities and goals, as well as to help raise funds to support the Foundation's programs.

How You Can Help!

- ❖ Speak on behalf of the Foundation at functions such as local and district meetings, as well as answer basic questions about the activities and state of the Foundation.
- ❖ Provide donation cards and/or brochures to local unit members as needed or direct them to the TRTF website (www.trtf.org).
- ❖ Accept donations from local unit members or other people in the community and send all donations to the Foundation office at 313 E. 12th St., Ste. 220, Austin, TX 78701.
 - ❖ Serve as "A Helping Hand" representative, which includes providing applications to retirees in need, assisting them in completing paperwork, and forwarding all paperwork to TRTF.
- ❖ Provide copies of beginning teacher scholarship and classroom assistance grant applications to fellow TRTA members, family, friends, colleagues and/or members of the community.
- ❖ Promote Foundation month and the TRTF Annual Appeal letter in November (or during fall meeting).

Stay Informed!

- ❖ It is important that the Foundation Liaison or Representative have a computer and an email address, as most correspondence sent by the Foundation is through email.
- ❖ TRTF has a monthly electronic newsletter available by email: *The Ledger*. Please contact Cindee Sharp to sign up (cindee@trta.org).
 - ❖ Download the TRTF Resource Guide and receive regular news updates from www.trtf.org.
 - ❖ For more information, contact Sarah or Cindee at 1.800.880.1650 or help@trtf.org.