

## Help A Student Trust

***Established in 1973.***

### **Description of TRUST:**

*Purpose of Trust is to help students who are in need of basic necessities to ensure attendance at school. Trust is set up to accommodate donations for aiding needy students throughout the district, with articles of clothing, glasses, recreational participation, who otherwise may not have been able to afford the necessary items or be able to participate in school related activities.*

### **How does it serve Tacoma students?**

- Partners with several community organizations (World Vision, many local business organizations and non-profit foundations) to assist students with three back-to-school events for over 4500 TPS students.
- Provides basic necessities to students including: shoes, clothing, medical prescriptions, glasses and other items that enable students to attend school and participate in school related activities.
- Partners with individual schools to develop uniform closets, help a student who is temporarily placed in Crisis Residential Centers, and equips our Readiness to Learn Family Support Centers.
- Partners with CAB programs including our Truancy Program

The Trust Fund has been generously supported throughout the years, largely through United Way contributions, by Tacoma School District employees.