

**MIDLAND ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
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November, 2020

Dear MARSP Members:

November is designated "Foundation Month" for TRTA. It is a time when we make donations to assist the Foundation with their work. These projects touch the past educators--retirees, active or current school personnel and those just beginning their careers...those looking to the future.

So...for the umpteenth time, **we've not ever done it this way, but** we are asking you to make your donation through the regular MAIL by writing a check to **TRTF**, putting it in an envelope with stamp and sending it to

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

313 E. 12th St STE 220

Austin, TX 78701-9924

Please include your membership number on your check.

MARSP generally collects about \$1,000 from our membership for this worthy project, therefore with needs even greater than in the past, the challenge is to see if we can meet our earlier donation amounts. Let's make this happen! No excuses, "**just get 'er done.**"

If you really don't have the inclination to put it in the mail, please go online to trtf.org and make your donation online, or you can call Sarah Richardson at 1.800.1650 to make a donation over the phone via credit card.

TRTF has given out more than \$585,000 to retired, active and beginning teachers since 2008 and wants to continue their visions of making a difference. The success of this program comes from the generosity of the the TRTA members and local units.

The Foundation's latest initiative is launching an online tutoring program to help Texas school children keep up with their academic achievement during the pandemic. It is designed to utilize the talents of this organization's members and help our state with student achievement, give our retired teachers an opportunity to earn money and give parents and students a boost in navigating the new learning environments. You'll need to check this out on the website for details. Look for the topic "Online Tutoring Program."

The coming year plans are to provide:

- 25-- \$750 Beginning Teacher Scholarships
- 40-- \$500 Classroom Assistance grants
Applications may be downloaded from the website beginning September 14th.
- Helping Hands will have funds available to provide \$27,000 in grants. This is good that the Foundation can have a projected budget for this coming year. They have provided slightly over \$200,000 in grants since 2010.
- TRTF raised over \$54,000 to assist Texas public school personnel affected by the COVID and distributed 26 grants. TRTF continues to raise fund to stand ready for the next disaster needs.
- The Endowment Fund continues to grow and all funds from the interest can be used to assist the Helping Hands program. This is permanent fund we hope to continue to grow to increase the earning from it to be used for Helping Hands.

The MARSP leadership is so grateful for YOUR support of the Foundation and everyone should take pride in the work that has been done to make a difference with past, present and future educators.

Thank you.

Martha Kallus,

MARSP Foundation Liaison