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Req. #	Req. Amt.	Teacher(s)	Grade Level	Description	Donors & Honorees
T1	\$350	Jennifer Kline	GSRP	In house visit by Crithlow Alligator Sanctuary for close up opportunities for students to observe reptiles and amphibians. The students will also learn about their habitat and the environment that they live in.	
T2	\$288	Kara Persons	GSRP	Field trip to Gull Meadows Farms. The students will learn about farm animals, apple orchards and many other agricultural activities.	
T3	\$450	Amy Cupp	Kindergarten	Puzzles to supplement my classroom's alphabet and number puzzle collection. Students need a variety of hands-on activities to learn their letters and numbers.	
T4	\$500	Brooke VanZoest	Kindergarten	Various ELA and Math activities for learning centers during the day. Extra water color paints for crafts, STEM bins for morning start.	
T5	\$742	Amy Pierce	1st Grade	Participation in the Reading with a Steed Program, a research based equine assisted literacy program designed to motivate 1st grade children to read. For 6 weeks the students will receive weekly letters from the pony and participate in lessons and activities that teach them about ponies. Each student will receive a book about ponies.	
T6	\$537	Amy Pierce	1st Grade	Eight Twist Wobble Stools, which provide students with an active seating option that allows them to wiggle while sitting.	
T7	\$582	Anne Boers	2nd Grade	A classroom rug and 4 sets of transparent Digi-blocks and a 2nd grade teacher resource book. The rug will provide a meeting place on the floor for whole class instruction. Digi-blocks are used to help students understand place value; ten ones fit into a 10 box and ten tens fit inside a hundred box.	
T8	\$518	Scott Adkins	3rd Grade	New cases for the Ukuleles. The Ukeleles get caught in the rips and tears in the old cases. The new cases are made of waterproof, durable heavy duty cotton and will help protect the Ukeleles.	

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T9	\$330	Katie Snyder	4th Grade	Materials used to create meaningful hands on projects that can be shared as gifts. This will foster creativity and allow students to experience the joy of giving. Materials include wooden plaques and wood stain. Also headphones for use during testing and Chromebook activities.	
T10	\$186	Anna Dumont	4th Grade	Multiplication Flash Cards to help the students learn their multiplication tables which is a goal of 4th grade. Also materials to create meaningful projects that they can give as gifts.	
T11	\$960	Tricia VanOss Mark Batten	5th Grade	Field trip to Camp Eberhart in Three Rivers. The camp offers many opportunities for students including team building, orienteering, nature walks, survival skills and other STEM activities.	
T12	\$434	Mark Batten	5th Grade	Two convert benches, which transforms from a bench into a table. It will allow students an alternative place to work besides their desk. It will also provide flexible seating for my classroom.	
T13	\$227	Karlie Batten	K-5 Playground	Upgraded playground equipment; including kickballs, soccer balls, basketballs, jump ropes and rubber cones. New equipment will encourage physical exercise, supporting overall health and focus in the classroom.	
T14	\$215	Ann Wallace	K-5 Special Ed.	Two social emotional learning book series: Best Me I Can Be and Responsible Me. These books help the students associate the story to real life and making good choices. Plus magazine holders and flat storage trays to help organize the classroom.	

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T15	\$599	Brandi Klinger	K-5 Title 1	Durable shelving units and storage tubs to better organize and manage instructional materials used in reading and math interventions. These resources are critical to delivering effective small-group and individualized instruction for students performing below grade level.	
T16	\$599	Brandon Wenzel	K-5 Physical Ed.	Equipment: Place and Play Basketballs, hula hoops, orange cones, hockey pucks, Poly Spot Floor Markers, adjustable hurdles and gator skin balls.	
T17	\$191	MaKenzie Oatley	K-5 Special Ed.	Two sets of Double-Sided Magnetic Phonics Tiles. Students will use the tiles to practice reading and spelling words through a tactile approach. Students in my Special Ed class learn best through multi-sensory learning.	
T18	\$600	Donna Dunlap	K-5 Library	Purchase books at the upcoming bookfair in November. Books with reading levels from Kindergarten to 5th grade will be chosen. New books always intrigue students to read more.	
T19	\$599	Donna Dunlap	K-5 Library	Non-fiction books for beginners and struggling readers. Having a variety of lower reading levels will help students feel more confident and give them a wider range to choose from.	
T20	\$750	Denise Bingaman	K-12 Therapy Dog	Food, grooming and Vet expenses for Therapy Dog Decker. Decker has been specially trained to help students deal with their emotions and anxiety. Decker spends his mornings at the Elementary and his afternoons at the High School.	
T21	\$120	Taylor Griffith	6th Grade Clue-Me-In Competition	T-shirts for the Clue-Me-In Team, to promote team unity and spirit.	

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T22	\$560	Theresa Jennett	6th Grade Science	Field trip to Celebration Cinema in Portage to watch two 3D documentaries with themes of ecosystems, animal preservation and ocean conservation. Funding to cover admission, popcorn & drink and bus driver expense. In the past, not all students could afford popcorn & drink, so I have added that so all students have an equal experience.	
T23	\$500	Theresa Jennett	7th Grade Science	Field trip to the Indiana Dinosaur Museum. Students will tour the museum, do a fossil dig, view an animal video and walk the trails. They will be learning about geology, earth's history, materials, processes and fossils Funds to cover admission and bus driver expense.	
T24	\$275	Theresa Jennett	8th Grade Science	Field trip to Binder Park Zoo to observe the animals and learn about the Zoo's conservation efforts. The students will be making real life connections to conservation efforts, human impact and connecting them with nature. Funding to cover admission and bus driver expense.	
T25	\$1,000	Robert Kretschman	Middle School	Rewards program to promote academics and positive behavior for Middle School Students. This program has been developed by the Positive School Climate Team. Students who earn a 70% or better in each class and receive no major discipline referrals will be eligible to participate. Two of these experiences will be off campus with activities like bowling, mini golf, roller skating and a trip to the movies.	
T26	\$600	Megan O'Mara Sydney Griffith	Middle School Math & English	Money for prizes and rewards for students on the IXL leaderboard. IXL, a play on the words 'I excel', is a personalized online learning platform that provides individual skill plans that align with state standards to help students master concepts at their own pace.	
T27	\$450	Theresa Jennett	Middle School Science Olympiad	Students will compete in 23 STEM competitions, against approximately 25 other schools at WMU; to promote knowledge, team work and communication skills. Funds to cover registration fee, t-shirts and supplies.	

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T28	\$479	Braxton Samson	MS/HS	Equipment for weight room and gym; including clamps, Rhino Skin Dodgeball sets and volleyball nets.	
T29	\$400	Taylor Griffith	MS/HS	Books for the MS/HS Library; including more current books and books requested by students. Having books that are current, popular and of a wider variety will encourage students to read more.	
T30	\$240	Taylor Griffith	MS/HS Quiz Bowl	T-shirts for our Middle and High School Quiz Bowl Teams. Students will represent Mendon by wearing the t-shirts at the St Joe County ISD.	
T31	\$600	Jason Westbrook	MS/HS Spanish & World Languages	Books and book shelves for the FVR Library, free voluntary reading. The benefit imparted by reading is well documented. Giving students as much choice as possible encourages buy-in for reading. Reading also helps meet standards in Cultural Competency.	
T32	\$510	Vic Wilczynski	6-12th	Weight room equipment including weight plate trees, weight clips and weight plates.	
T33	\$888	Leasa Griffith Leigh Ann Jackson	6-12th	Honor Roll Yard Signs to be placed in student's yards at the end of the school year. This tradition was started by Roger Rathburn and we continue to do it in his honor and memory.	
T34	\$100	Glen Samson	6-12th	Prizes for Thunder & Lightning Competition during lunchtime for both Middle School and High School. Competition helps keep students active and engaged and provides healthy competition.	
T35	\$1,000	Robert Kretschman	9-12th	Rewards program to promote academics and positive behavior for High School Students. This program has been developed by the Positive School Climate Team. Students who earn a 70% or better in each class and receive no major discipline referrals will be eligible to participate. One experience will be at the high school and one will be a trip off campus.	

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T36	\$450	Theresa Jennett	High School Science Olympiad	Students will compete in 23 STEM competitions, against approximately 25 other schools at WMU; to promote knowledge, team work and communication skills. Funds to cover registration fee, t-shirts, supplies and senior metals.	
T37	\$290	Elizabeth Jergens	High School Biology	Supplies for creating ecocolumns, which are used as a teaching tool to visually demonstrate and study the complex interactions within an ecosystem on a small scale, allowing students to observe nutrient cycles, food chains and the relationship between biotic and abiotic factors.	
T38	\$600	Lisa Vedmore-Lacy Taylor Griffith	National Honor Society	Provide Thanksgiving meals, along with extra food items to help out over the long holiday break to some of our school families. Last Spring the NHS brought back their annual fundraiser to help in this effort. If this request is funded, this added funding will allow us to help up to 15 families.	
T39	\$600	Lisa Vedmore-Lacy Taylor Griffith	National Honor Society	Provide Christmas meals, along with extra food items to help out over the long holiday break to some of our school families. Last Spring the NHS brought back their annual fundraiser to help in this effort. If this request is funded, this added funding will allow us to help up to 18 families.	
T40	\$766	Jenna Griffith	District	Replace all AED, Automated External Defibrillator, parts expiring by the end of 2026; including CPR Pads, Pediatric Pads and Battery. This will ensure that all of our AED's are up-to-date and in working order, increasing the likelihood of saving a life if needed.	
total	\$20,085				