

Bits & Pieces

Your Winter, Spring, and Fall Newsletter from the
DPS Supplemental Benefits Program

ASSISTANCE FUND OF THE DENVER TEACHERS' CLUB / VOLUNTARY PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN

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The Supplemental Benefits Program:

ASSISTANCE FUND:

Free use of durable medical equipment for all current DPS employees, DPS retirees, and immediate family members. No membership fee. Funded by donations and yearly fundraisers.

VOLUNTARY PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN:

Supplemental sick pay of \$60 per days missed from work for employees of DPS due to personal illness or injury. This benefit is funded by active employees' monthly payroll deduction of \$10 per month.

HOLIDAY HOURS – THANKSGIVING 2025 - The Denver Teachers' Club office will be closed Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28. We may be open the Monday and Tuesday of that week, but please call ahead to verify an appointment for picking up or returning medical equipment.

WINTER HOLIDAYS 2025 – The Teachers' Club office will be closed Monday, December 22, 2025 through Friday, January 2, 2026. Please leave voice messages at our office phone number 303-377-0222 to check on equipment availability and if we may be in the office some of those days.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – The Teachers' Club office will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026.

Our **HOLIDAY GIFT CALENDARS** will be coming out in the mail to all our retirees in November. This is a popular fundraiser for us each year, and many of you have let us know how useful these calendars are. Be sure to update any mailing address you have with us if it has changed recently. If you receive our *Bits & Pieces* newsletter by hard-copy mailed to you, then we have your correct address. For those of you receiving the newsletter by email, make sure to let us know if your USMAIL address we have for you has changed. We want to make sure all of you get our calendars!

**DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND BETWEEN
MAY 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 AS FOLLOWS:**

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(In Memory of:
Name of Donor)

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**HONORARIUMS AND TRIBUTES WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND
BETWEEN MAY 1 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 AS FOLLOWS:**

IN MEMORY

Andrews, Greta07/04/25
 Berry, Lois J06/20/25
 Collins, Bessie M.....11/01/11
 Crouch, Estelle E.....04/06/23
 Glassman, Edward R.....08/05/25
 Johnston, Carl William10/20/24
 Lillmars, Mary G07/13/24
 Loyacono, Maureen H06/18/25
 Mccandless, Carolyn N.....02/15/25

Newberry, Leslie H.....10/10/23
 Nielsen, Mona L06/28/20
 Oldenburg, Iona M08/26/25
 Riedell, Donald R07/19/25
 Roubique, Eleanor H.....12/13/24
 Sausa, Barbara J11/18/22
 Searcy, William S02/02/11
 Smith, Ronald L.....04/17/25
 Stancato, Palma L.....06/06/25

Denver Teachers' Club Assistance Fund Donation Form

1617 S. Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80223

Phone: 303-377-0222

Thank you for your contribution to Denver Teachers' Club Assistance Fund. Your support helps to ensure our ability to continue providing the services you and your family members are accustomed to receiving. Ever vigilant in our efforts to provide you with the latest, most innovative medical equipment, your contributions will also help us to expand our services as appropriate in the expensive and ever-changing arena of medical care provision. Please complete this form to your specifications, and mail it along with your contribution to the address above.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

My check no. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

☐ My gift is strictly a donation ☐ My gift is in memory of: _____

☐ My gift is a tribute to: _____

Please send acknowledgment of this gift to (amount will not be disclosed):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 501(c)3 of the I. R. S. CODE

In order to comply with IRS Code Section 170(f)(8), we will provide you with a receipt mailed to the address you have supplied above, which affirms that the Denver Teachers' Club provided no goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for your contribution.

ENROLLMENT for the PAYROLL PROTECTION PLAN for 2025-2026 – additional sick pay of \$60 per day is provided for **active DPS employees**. Applications and Claim forms are available on our website or by contacting our office. If not a member already, check out the opportunity for additional sick pay under 'Supplemental Benefits' in your DPS Open Enrollment brochures, or call the Denver Teachers Club to ask about enrollment during the school year. Enrollment is ongoing throughout the year.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT - Call ahead to reserve or return your medical equipment. All entrances to the Acoma Campus are locked. As with most school districts throughout the nation, Denver Public Schools now requires that all outside doors be locked during school hours. This requirement includes the entrance to the Denver Teachers' Club offices. You will need to **call our office at 303-377-0222 prior to visiting for any reason.** Please leave a message for our equipment manager when you call us to set up an appointment to pick up or drop off medical equipment.

RETIREEES: We work hard to maintain an up-to-date database for our retirees. To continue to assist you with borrowing medical equipment free of charge from the Denver Teachers Club Assistance Fund and to receive our newsletters, raffle tickets and information for our retirees, keep us informed of any changes to your contact information so we can update our retiree database.

EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES AT SCHOOLS AND OFFICE SITES NEEDED: If you are an interested employee, please fill out the form below and mail it to us or email us your interest at dtclub@qwestoffice.net.

Denver Teachers Club
1617 S. Acoma St
Denver, CO 80223

_____ I am currently a contact for the Denver Teachers Club:

_____ I would like to become a site contact/representative for the Denver Teachers Club:

Name

Email address

Site Location

Phone

We would like to give all DPS employees the opportunity to know about the Denver Teachers Club medical equipment available and the Payroll Protection Plan. We often hear from employees that they haven't heard anything about us and the services we provide. With your help, we would like to remedy this by reaching all employees. Please be sure to thank the current representative at your work site. We could not provide the quality services you have come to expect without our volunteers' help.

ARE YOU RETIRING FROM DPS THIS YEAR?

NEW RETIREES: Congratulations and **thank you** for your many years of service to the children of Denver. As a retiree from DPS, you maintain your privileges with the **ASSISTANCE FUND**. You may continue to borrow durable, non-personal medical equipment from us for yourself or any person in your immediate family for as long as you need it, **free of charge**. **The equipment is available to all active and retired employees of the DPS.**

To be added to our retiree list and to ensure your continued eligibility to borrow equipment, you must complete the **DPS Retiree Continuation Data Form** below and mail it to our office at 1617 S. Acoma St., Denver, CO 80223 – 3624. The form is also available in PDF format for you to download from our website – www.dpssbp.org.

*****PLEASE READ – Retirees, if you receive this newsletter at your home email or by US Mail you are already in our database and do not need to complete the form!! If your contact information changes, be sure to email or call us and let us know.**

ASSISTANCE FUND OF THE DENVER TEACHERS CLUB
DPS Retiree Continuation Data Form for New Retirees

As a retiree of the Denver Public Schools, I understand that I remain eligible to use the non-personal, durable medical equipment made available to retirees and their immediate family members by the **Assistance Fund of the Denver Teachers' Club**. My signature below, along with the data I have provided, affirms my request to continue receiving periodic correspondence. In an effort to contribute to the cost savings of the organization, if I have supplied my email address below, I prefer to receive correspondence electronically.

I have the assurance that the data herein provided will be used only for the purposes of verifying my identity and communicating with me and my family. Furthermore, I understand that none of my personal data will be shared with any outside person or organization and that it is my responsibility to provide updated information whenever changes occur.

Name*: _____ Birth Date*: _____

Address*: _____

City*: _____ St*: _____ Zip (5+4)*: _____

Phone*: _____ DPS ID No.*: _____

Email address to receive correspondence electronically: _____

The effective date of my retirement is *: _____ 20____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Required Information**

"If you're never in over your head, how can you tell how tall you are?" - *T.S. Eliot*

LINKS: Our web site: www.dpssbp.org

Please see our website for all of our forms, including:

Assistance Fund Donation Form

Payroll Protection Plan Application

Payroll Protection Plan Rules & Regulations

Retiree Continuation Data Form and Changes in Contact Information

This issue of Bits & Pieces is dedicated to the memory of Edward R. Glassman,
member of the Denver Teachers Club board of directors for the past 15 years.