

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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Pat Smaldone.....Executive Director
Teresa DeRose.....Office Manager
Jodi Johnson.....Equipment Manager

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.

PRESIDENTS' DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026 - The Denver Teachers' Club office will be closed.

SPRING BREAK 2026 – The Teachers' Club office will be closed Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, 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. Be sure to plan your equipment requests with these closure dates in mind.

RETIREEES: Be sure to update any mailing address you have with us if it has recently changed. If you receive this 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 information.

Helping Hands Volunteers: If you would like to volunteer to help us open and sort our raffle mail this year, we would be happy to have your help. We couldn't do it without our volunteers. We have a list of volunteers that we select from as needed, if you would like to be on our list call us and let us know.

SPRING RAFFLE 2026: Our annual Denver Teachers' Club raffle will take place on **Thursday, April 16, 2026**. Tickets will be mailed to retirees in our database at the beginning of March. You will receive tickets and a remit envelope for returning ticket stubs with your check payment. Please fill out the remit envelope completely to save our volunteers time in processing.

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DO NOT COMBINE money for ticket purchases with money for a 'memorial' or 'donation' on one check. The Secretary of State requires a separate check for donations/memorials and a separate check for ticket purchases. Both checks may be included in your remit envelope you return to us with your ticket stubs.

If you combine your ticket purchases and an extra donation on one check for the raffle, we must treat all as a donation and your ticket stubs will not be used. Ticket purchases are a sale and not tax deductible; donations are tax deductible and posted in our newsletter.

**DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AND JANUARY 31, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:**

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| Jay Andrews | Linda Gordon | Tom & Val Parks |
| Diana Boutwell | Sandra Green | Theresa Pena |
| Sharon Calahan | Clement Hackethal | Vickie Phillips |
| Michael Calleros | Julie Halliwell | Laura Pilkington |
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| Mick Conlon | H. Jack Hayden | Gypsy Roberts |
| Bobby Fernandez | Gordon Heaton | Mary Romero |
| Barbara Fettner | Madalyn Henninger | Velma Rose |
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| Jesse Gonzales | Lavern Hilly-Hughes | Celia Scheffe |
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| Naomi Graham | Phyllis Jensen | Peggy Shafer |
| Linda Hample | Vera Karasik | Ron Sherwood |
| Madalyn Henninger | Rogene Kirkegaard | Judith Sims |
| Barbara Hessel | Gail Kirkpatrick | Virginia Smetana |
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| Lori Lazuk | Carmen Kuta | Bonnie Staack |
| Tyler Manzo | Lissbeth LaPrad | Lou Ellen Stecklein |
| Paige McIntosh | Louise Larson | Laura Stephens |
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| Laura Pilkington | Carole Maschka | Sharon Venn |
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| Betty Richmeier | Karen Mendez | Nancy Werkmeister |
| Karin Riggins | Nancy Mentzer | Norma Wick |
| Cindy Rundstrom | Kathleen Miller | Dolores FH Williams |
| Charlotte Wolf | Lourdes Montoya | Art Wilson |
| Dennis Wolfard | Elaine Moore | Thelma Wiseman |
| | George Moreno | Charlotte Wolf |
| | Patricia Motz | Becky Worford |
| Holiday Calendar Donations | Carol Goodwin | |

**MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND BETWEEN
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AND JANUARY 31, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:**

(In Memory of:

Name of Donor)

Phyllis Abeyta

John Acosta

Bruce Abeyta

John Acosta

Phylliss Adams

Keith Adams

Betsy Freeman Allen

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Ronald Deal

John "J.T." Downey

Dan Nerim

Helen Jean Duvall

Pat Gifford

Myrna Engbar

Ronald Deal

Alice Faller

Edward Faller

Ed Glassman

Bonnie Guggenheim

Virginia Glenn

Betty Esquibel

Eleanor Graham

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Bernadette Seick

John Acosta

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Palma Stancato

Marsha & Steve Chavez

Stanley & Viola Stekel

Ramona Hall

Ty Stephens

Dann Jurgens

William & Jennie Thomas

Charles Thomas

Hason Yanaga

Valerie Appelbaum

Holiday Calendar Memorials

Phil Abeyta

John Acosta

Marc Alvarado

Diana Lopez

Altha Anderson

Irma Harris

Judy Barth

Hal Barth

Samuel Batey

Judith Dumas

Joan Bazzanella

Joseph Bazzanella

Lois Berry

Martha Edmundson

Robert & Donna Bielenberg

Becky Kerr

Beth Biggs

Jayne Sbarboro

Mary Helen Trujillo-Wulfers

Tom & June Bisceglia

Pamela Bisceglia

Larry Blake

Diane Blake

Barbara Bonner

Sandra Just

Joann Boss

David & Carol Harguth

Biddy Casey

Linda Wooten

Margaret Cassario

Jeanne Haug

Susan Cesario

Lee Cesario

Colleen Cole

Jane Schnepel

Eleanor Culbertson

Sue Gosman

Theodore Roosevelt Davies

Douglas Hager

Millie DeRose

Susan Stephen

Brenda Earnest

Diane Blake

Jack Ehekircher

Ronald Jolly

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Alice Faller Ed Faller	Peggy Loader Neil Loader	Donna Shocks Laura Metcalf
Carmen Gallegos Elise Garcia	Matt Lopez Diana Lopez	Jean Lyons
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		Bettina Yates Dorothy Dolan
		Phyllis Zumwinkel Karen Weaver Fuerst

HONORARIUMS AND TRIBUTES WERE RECEIVED BY THE ASSISTANCE FUND
BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AND JANUARY 31, 2026 AS FOLLOWS:

- Tribute to **Jean Melville** – Betty Esquibel
- Tribute to **Andy Raicevich** on his birthday – Anonymous
- Tribute to **Dana Starbuck** on her birthday – Terry Mendenhall
- Tribute to **Jodi & Pat of the Teachers Club** for work and cheer – Karen Ritz

IN MEMORY

Aguirre, Priscilla E	10/22/25	Powell, Mary J.....	?????
Armstrong, Doralee J.....	11/03/24	Roybal, Anthony M.....	10/20/23
Burke, Lois A.....	08/07/17	Samac-Townsend, Del	02/02/25
Cargal, Bob E.....	01/15/26	Scott, Joan C.....	07/22/25
Coscarella, Don L.....	03/06/25	Shryock John C.....	01/14/25
Gonzales Barbara J.....	06/27/11	Stephens, Tyler J.....	12/19/25
Hay, Linda L.....	12/16/22	Trujillo, Leo	01/15/22
Jorgensen, Gloria	08/25/25	Walker, Timothy D.....	04/14/25

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.

EMPLOYEES: 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.

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. If you are interested in helping spread the word to your site or school about this available benefit, let us know. 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 employee volunteers’ help.

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.

- *What did the wool hat say to the scarf? You hang around while I go on ahead.*
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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

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.dpsbp.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**

