



**Donors Choose.org**  
Teachers ask. You choose.

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# Agenda

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1. What is DonorsChoose.org ?
2. How to redeem your \$250 gift code
3. How to request materials
4. Other resources

# About DonorsChoose.org

**DonorsChoose.org** is a nonprofit that connects public school teachers with people who want to support classroom learning.

## How it works



Choose the exact items you need and describe how they'll benefit your students.

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People, companies, and foundations can help fund your request.

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Once funded, we'll send the resources directly to your classroom.



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# How it works: Teachers sign up and submit requests

Teachers request resources and experiences their students need for learning. Projects are screened and posted online.

## Hands-On Learning for Little Hands! ★

Supplies project at Kendall Elementary School in Norwalk, CT | High Poverty



**My Students:** Can you remember your first year in school? The excitement to see, hear, touch and experience new things many times during the day! That is what I want my students to experience this year.

Many of them are four years old. Some of them [...](#)

**My Project:** The Common Core curriculum is being implemented in our school this year. Many of the materials we have can no longer be used with our new curriculum. Imagine the fun the students will have at the sand table while they are looking for [...](#)

**My students need** hands-on materials, like counting kits, tactile numbers and sand for sand activities, to keep them interested and active while learning math and alphabet skills.

[Give](#)

\$141 to go  
8 donors

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materials	vendor	price	#	total
Easy Grip Tweezers (set of 12)	Kaplan Early Learning Company	\$11.95	1	\$11.95
Picture Number Word Puzzles	Kaplan Early Learning Company	\$12.95	1	\$12.95
FF761 - Numbers & Counting Magnetic Board	Lakeshore Learning	\$24.95	1	\$24.95

[▼ more](#)

# How it works: Donors fund requests


Individuals, corporations, and foundations fund their favorite projects. Our team purchases the materials for funded projects and sends them to the classroom.

Most Urgent ▾

☒ Math & Science ☆

Pick a project for me

Location



State >  
City >  
School >


Keyword

Subject

☒ Math & Science >

- Environmental Science (1,489)
- Mathematics (5,247)
- Health & Life Science (1,456)
- Applied Sciences (1,673)

Increasing Reasoning Skills in Mathematics ☆



Mrs. Horak ☆

It is essential that students learn to justify their reasoning. Mathematics is full of higher level reasoning and explanations. What better way to have students show their reasoning than to... [more](#)

**My students need** a document camera in order to develop important communication skills in mathematics.

High Poverty Augusta, MT  
Mathematics

any amount


Give

\$74 to go  
9 donors

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Modern Technology For Students Who Deserve It!! ☆



Mrs. Arbelaez ☆

Help update our classroom! Our overhead projector turns off and on when it wants to, stopping students from sharing their hard work whether it be in Math or Writing. A document camera and... [more](#)

**My students need** 1 document camera and 1 projector because technology is missing in our classroom.

High Poverty Pawtucket, RI  
Mathematics, Literature & Writing

any amount

Give

\$144 to go  
16 donors

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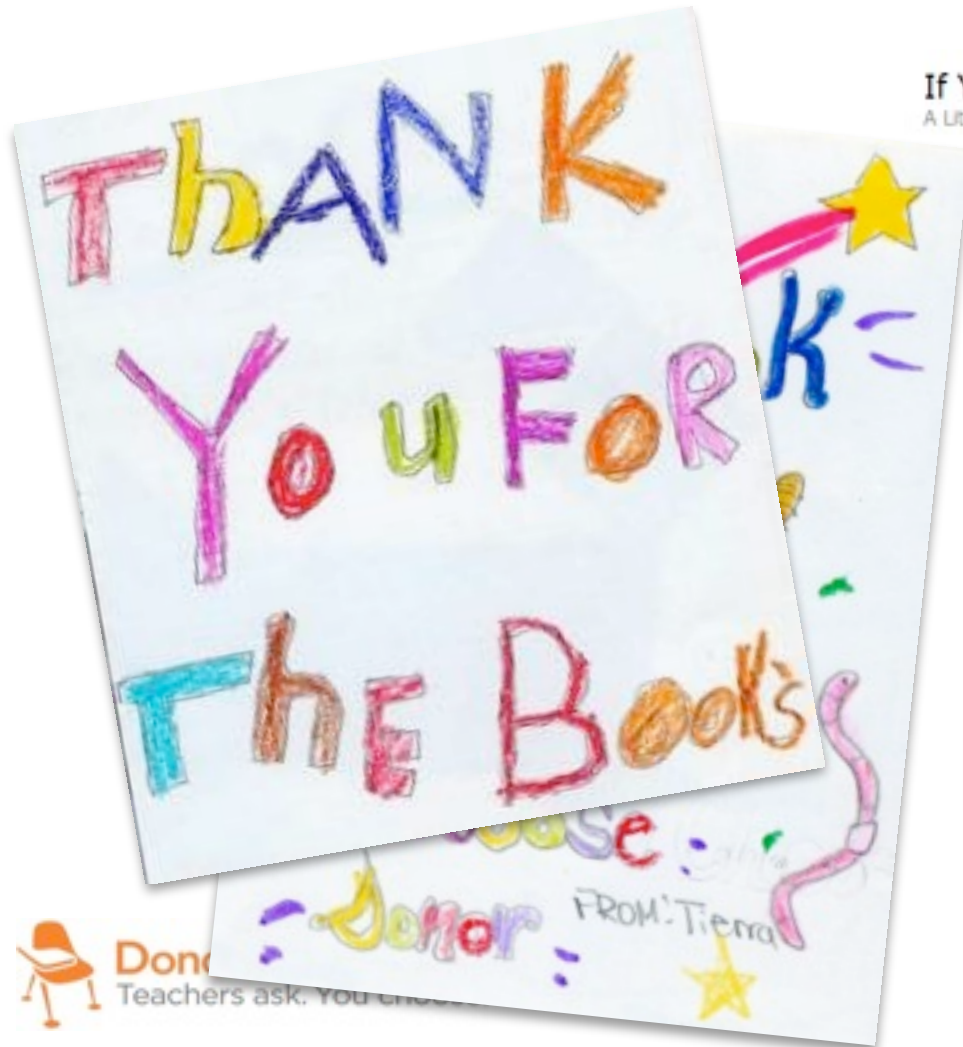
"Bag" the Plastic - Go Green! Reusable Shopping Bag Project ☆





## How it works: Say Thanks

Teachers and students create a personalized thank-you package for donors, including photos and hand-written thank-you notes.



If You Give A Classroom Books... - completed  
A Literacy project in Illinois completed December 15, 2011



Dear Campbell Gray Design, Knight family, Michael Penn, Terry Schurecht, Vijay Babers, Nick Sweets and NEA Foundation,

Thank you! I am so thrilled to use your generous gifts to be able to foster the love of reading in the young and beautiful minds of my students. When I told the students the good deed you have done for

# Two Options for Your \$250 Gift Code

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- A. Request supplies for your classroom – everything from art supplies or musical instruments, to equipment for a science lab or seeds to start a vegetable garden.
  
- B. Sponsor another classroom and invite your students to help you pick which one. (You can even support another Newtown teacher!)

## Requesting Materials: Who is eligible?

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Any front-line educator at a US public or charter school (including **full-time teachers, counselors, librarians, and school nurses**) may request resources through DonorsChoose.org.

Our philosophy is that teachers know best what their specific set of students need to learn and succeed. We let teachers pick out those exact student-centered resources and materials to support instruction in the classroom.






# Requesting Materials


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Get started at [www.donorschoose.org/teachers](http://www.donorschoose.org/teachers)

# Requesting Materials: Register as a Newtown teacher

**Donors Choose.org**  
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I'm a teacher »

Projects Gifts About Help Hi, Andy ☆ 

**Set up account**

- User agreement
- Find your school**
- Verify school address
- Teaching details
- Contact information
- Review
- Teacher tutorial

## 2. Find your school

**Is your school eligible?** DonorsChoose.org serves all K-12 public schools in the United States. If you're not sure if your school is eligible, use our [school eligibility wizard](#) before proceeding.

**Find your school:** first select your state, then select one of the categories listed below.

**Location**

☒ Connecticut

City >

County >

District >

**Select your school from**

If the address is incorrect, you can correct it later in the process. If your school's name reads a little differently, you can correct it later in the process. If your school's name reads a little differently, you can correct it later in the process.

**No schools found.**

**Can't find your school?**

If your search doesn't return results, you can try searching in a different way by clicking the check box next to each school.

**Districts**

- New Hartford Pub Sch Dist
- New Haven City School District
- Newington Public Schools
- New London Public Sch District
- New Milford Public School Dist
- Newtown Public Schools**
- Norfolk School District
- North Branford School District
- North Canaan School District
- North Haven School District
- North Stonington Pub Sch

Cancel

# Requesting Materials: Your Account

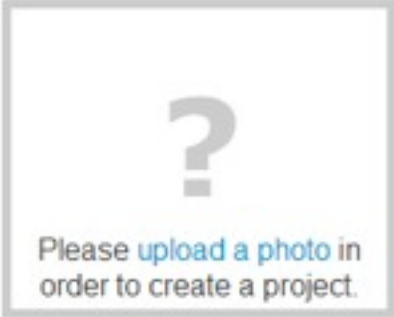
- Confirm your email
- Upload a classroom photo
- Click “Create a project”



My Account: Welcome, Andy!

### My Classroom Photo

Inspire donors with a classroom-related photo.



Please [upload a photo](#) in order to create a project.

[upload a photo](#)

### My Personal & Contact Info

Public display: ☐ Mr. Wright (Recommended) ☒ Mr. W.  
[update display name](#)

Name: **Andy Wright**  
Phone: **5555555555**  
[edit personal info](#)

Email: **andy.wright@alum.d**  
[change email](#)

### My School Info & Affiliations

School: **DonorsChoose.**  
Phone: **5555555555**  
Address: **213 W. 35th Street  
New York NY 10**  
[change school](#)

Teacher Affiliations: None selected  
[change affiliations](#)

### Create a Project

See our **new** policy re: [who owns resources funded through our site.](#)

[create a project](#)


You can create a project as soon as you've uploaded a photo!

### My Points and Benefits


You have 3 points.  
What points have I earned, spent, or lost?

- [How do I earn, spend, or lose points?](#)
- [Why do I have to spend points to submit a project?](#)

# Requesting Materials: Create Your Project

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I'm a teacher »

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Create a Project

home > my account > my project drafts > Choose Project Type

## Steps:

- [1. Welcome](#)
- 2. Choose Project Type**
3. Create Title
4. Go Shopping
5. Summarize Cart
6. Tell Your Story
7. Provide Project Details
8. Quantify Impact
9. Select Expiration Date
10. Confirm and Submit

## 2. Choose Project Type

Help ▼

What type of resource would you like to request?

You currently have **3** points to spend. ([Why?](#))

- ☒ **Materials through eSchoolMall (1-4 points)**
  - Materials between \$100 and \$400 (1 point)
  - Materials between \$401 and \$800 (2 points)
  - Materials more than \$801 (4 points)
- ☐ Special request for materials not available through eSchoolMall (6 points)
- ☐ Class trip (4 points)
- ☐ Class visitor (4 points)

Save and Create Title >

[What is the points system and how does it work?](#)





# Requesting Materials: Go Shopping

Teachers shop through our 23 vendor catalogs, including:





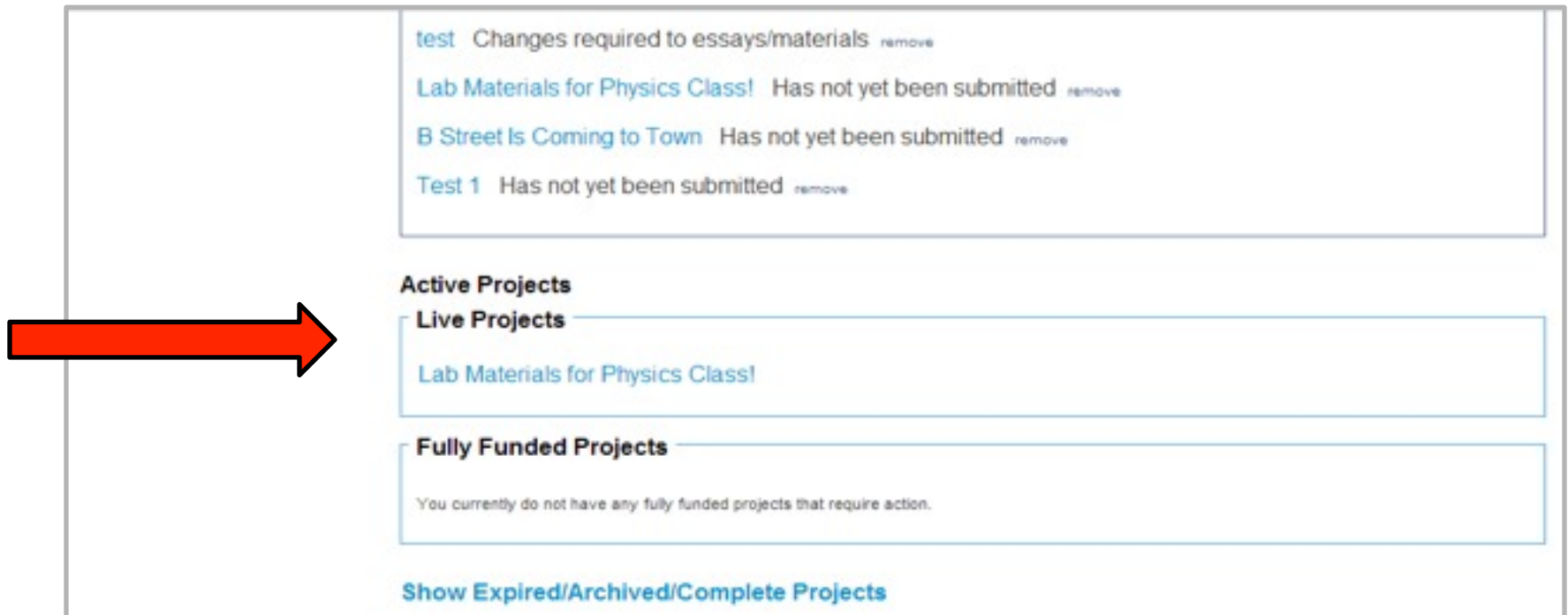
# Requesting Materials: Tell Your Story

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- **Open with the challenge facing your students.**
- **Tell us more about your students.** Who are they? What are they like? What kind of school do they attend?
- **Inspire potential donors with an overview of the resources you're requesting.** What activity will you be able to do? What will your students learn?
- **Close by sharing why your project is so important.** What broad impact will this project have on your students?

# Requesting Materials: What's Next

DonorsChoose.org volunteers will screen your project and ask follow-up questions if needed. Most projects are approved within a few business days. Then apply your gift code...



The screenshot displays a list of projects with their titles and submission status. A large red arrow points from the left towards the 'Active Projects' section.

Project Title	Status	Action
test	Changes required to essays/materials	remove
Lab Materials for Physics Class!	Has not yet been submitted	remove
B Street Is Coming to Town	Has not yet been submitted	remove
Test 1	Has not yet been submitted	remove

**Active Projects**

**Live Projects**

- Lab Materials for Physics Class!

**Fully Funded Projects**

You currently do not have any fully funded projects that require action.

[Show Expired/Archived/Complete Projects](#)

# Redeem Your Gift Code During Checkout



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First name:

Last name:

[Anonymous, honoree or special salutation?](#)

Email:  We will not share your email address

Donate **\$250.00**

Match or gift code:



**Credit card**

**PayPal**

**amazon**



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[Secure server](#)

[Use a credit card from  
your account](#)

Card Number:  Exp:

Card Verification Number:  [Can't find it?](#)

Billing zip code:

# After Your Project is Funded...

- Upload photos of the resources in use
- Upload a short thank you letter describing the impact
- If other donors gave, follow instructions for returning hand-written thank you notes from your students

Ms. Ruiz the Teacher

15 hours ago



**Dear Sylvia Johnson, Alison Strahan, Loretta Johnson, Christine Howe, Kandy Ruiz, Christine Penfield, Kilty Belt-Vahle, Jackie Hernandez, Friends and Family and Anonymous Donor,**

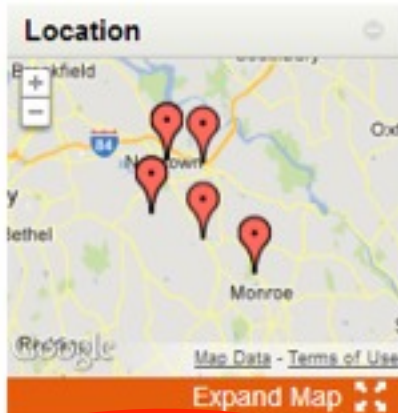
Thank you so much for your donation to our classroom project. We are now using the ipad during our reader's workshop time. Partners take turns reading books with a partner from an application called Storia that is available through Scholastic books. We are also having a good time being able to look up information and translations as soon as we come up with the questions. It is nice to be able to provide my students with the opportunity to use such technology. For some of them school is the only place that they get an opportunity to use a computer and now an ipad. We are really happy to have the ipad!

**With gratitude,  
Ms. Ruiz**

Tuesday, March 26, 13

# Other Resources: Projects from Newtown Teachers

☒ Completed > ☒ Connecticut > ☒ Newtown Public Schools ★



☒ Connecticut  
☒ Newtown Public Schools

School >

Favorites

Keyword

Subject

Donations

All Match Offers

Needs \$  to \$

Some Received (20)

None Yet

Free Shipping (12)

☒ Completed



## Making Math Meaningful Through Literature (Part 2)

Updated 10 hours ago



Expectations on our students in mathematics are growing, especially with the demands of CCSS. We are striving to make math more meaningful for children. Linking math instruction to literature can... [more](#)

**My students need** 51 new math books for our school literacy center. These include some Sir Cumference titles, Mathstart stories and more.

Total cost: \$498

Hawley Elementary School (Low Poverty)  
Newtown, CT

"Thank you for funding this project! These resources will truly benefit ALL of the students in our school. I know that these stories will engage our students in mathematics and make learning more meani... [more](#)

Completed!

Mar 11, 2013  
\$498 given  
2 donors

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## Book Bins For Book Worms

Updated 10 hours ago



So many books, it's hard to choose! Imagine being seven and looking into a library full of amazing books. It is wonderful, but overwhelming. My students need a leveled library storage unit to help... [more](#)

**My students need** a new leveled library storage unit to organize our books. With this new storage unit my students will be able to easily access books at their level.

Total cost: \$273

Head O&#039;meadow Elem School (Low Poverty)  
Newtown, CT

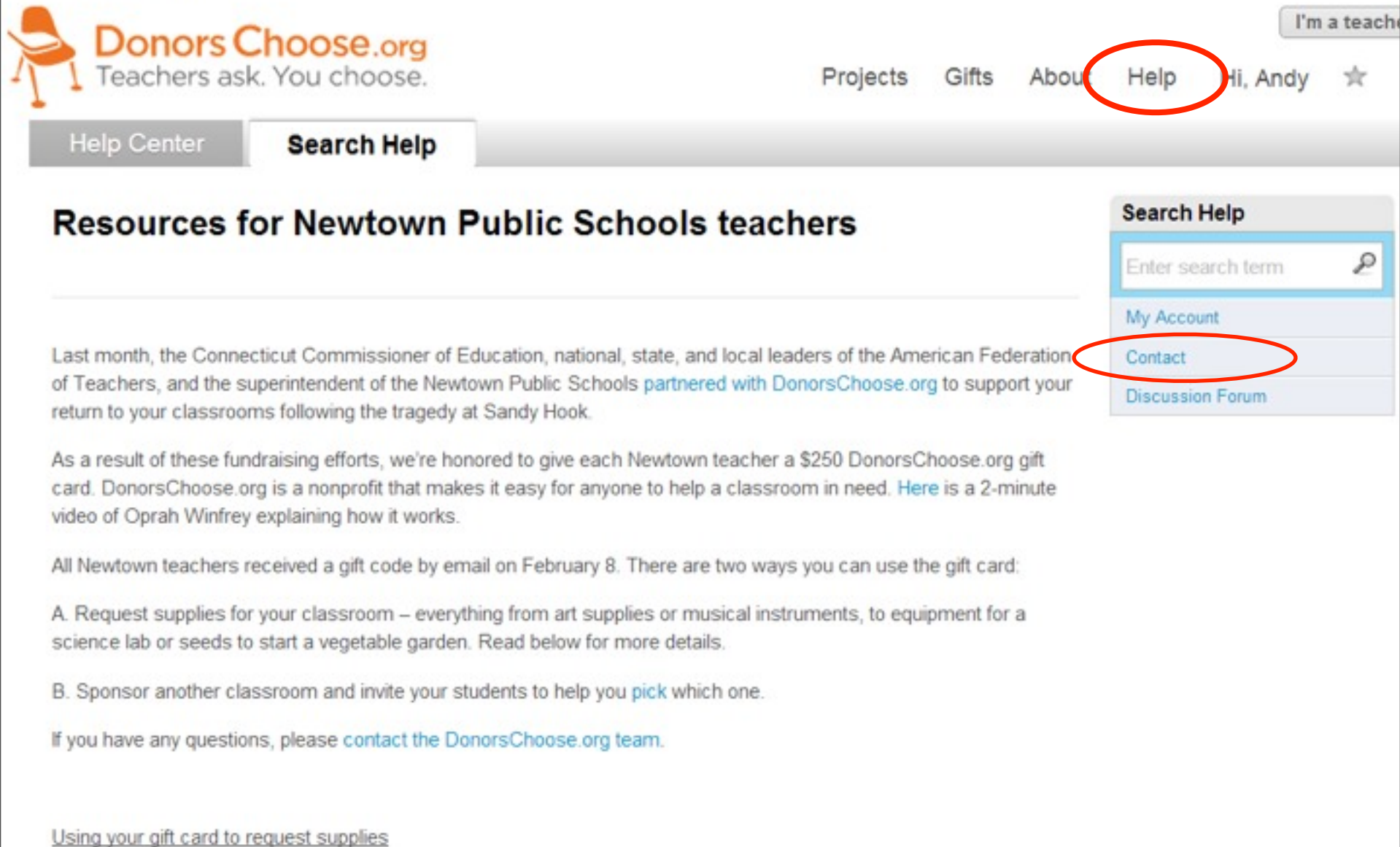
Completed!

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# Other Resources: Help Center and Contact Form



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## Resources for Newtown Public Schools teachers

Last month, the Connecticut Commissioner of Education, national, state, and local leaders of the American Federation of Teachers, and the superintendent of the Newtown Public Schools [partnered with DonorsChoose.org](#) to support your return to your classrooms following the tragedy at Sandy Hook.

As a result of these fundraising efforts, we're honored to give each Newtown teacher a \$250 DonorsChoose.org gift card. DonorsChoose.org is a nonprofit that makes it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. [Here](#) is a 2-minute video of Oprah Winfrey explaining how it works.

All Newtown teachers received a gift code by email on February 8. There are two ways you can use the gift card:

- A. Request supplies for your classroom – everything from art supplies or musical instruments, to equipment for a science lab or seeds to start a vegetable garden. Read below for more details.
- B. Sponsor another classroom and invite your students to help you [pick](#) which one.

If you have any questions, please [contact the DonorsChoose.org team](#).

[Using your gift card to request supplies](#)

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