

Howard Kennedy Elementary Teacher Gets Share Of \$1 Million In U.S. Cellular's Calling All Teachers Campaign

U.S. Cellular associates from Nebraska visited Omaha's Howard Kennedy Elementary School recently to celebrate a share of more than \$1 million in classroom funding that Mary Lehr received from the wireless company's 2009 Calling All Teachers campaign.

Teachers from across the country submitted projects through the Calling All Teachers campaign for projects that included everything from textbooks and pencils to projectors and easels to help enrich the learning experiences for students.



U.S. Cellular awarded Lehr \$561.18 for the learning center materials and educational games for mathematics, science, social studies and language arts project request. The project impacts 32 students. During the Calling All Teachers campaign, Lehr submitted a request for classroom supplies to DonorsChoose.org, a nonprofit Web site that links donors with educators facing shrinking budgets.

When U.S. Cellular launched the campaign in April, it planned to fund \$1 million worth of teacher requests through DonorsChoose.org, but the response from teachers was beyond expectations. The Web site received more than 2,000 submissions in the markets where U.S. Cellular does business.

"The response to this campaign from teachers across our footprint was so incredible that we couldn't imagine leaving any of their classroom projects unfunded," said Andy Hilliard, a U.S. Cellular area sales manager for Nebraska and southwest Iowa. "Our teachers go above and beyond for their students every day, so we decided to go above our original million-dollar budget to support all of them."

U.S. Cellular has committed to helping schools in 2009-10 through funding and volunteerism. Earlier this year, U.S. Cellular awarded \$1 million to 10 schools across the country through its Calling All Communities campaign.

For more information about Calling All Teachers, visit uscellular.com/callingallteachers or a local U.S. Cellular store.

Photo at left:
Area Sales Manager Andy Hilliard presenting CAT certificate

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