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Imagine you're the mother of three children. They are all diabetic. As a mom, you are agonizing over the fact that you live below the poverty level and are getting divorced. *Extra money is almost non-existent*. But you still want the kids to experience being with other children who face diabetic challenges...and there's a camp that offers this. **How to pay for it?**

The North Thurston Education Foundation (NTEF) helped with this! NTEF offers a variety of scholarships and grants to educators and students. Those three diabetic kids did attend camp -- and NTEF provided the registration fees to complete the win-win for all. **Student Assistance Grants and Learning Improvement Grants help students overcome barriers!** NTEF works with many local organizations to fulfill these grants.

As we approach the new school year, did you know?

- About 6,432 students who live in the North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) qualify for free or reduced-price lunches – an indication of poverty level
- 556 school-age students identify as homeless

What about Michael? He's a North Thurston Public School student with diabetes. A Student Assistance Grant provided an iPod for him and his nurse. Why an iPod? The school nurse uses the iPod **to monitor Michael's blood sugar levels** and can adjust as needed. Another win-win.

Won't you help the kids this school year?

The North Thurston Education Foundation has given over **\$2.5 million in the past 30 years** to help students with financial obstacles!

You can help them by donating, and here's what your generosity provides:

- \$2,000 – a one-year assistance grant to an elementary school which helps many students
- \$1,000 – rental assistance to keep two families from eviction
- \$500 – pays utilities to keep a family warm and the lights on
- \$500 – provides a pantry for a school
- \$250 – helps 10 children participate in music and drama experiences enhancing learning
- \$125 – covers sports fees so kids can participate in a variety of sports activities
- \$100 – rents an instrument for two months for a budding musician
- \$50 – provides a backpack and school supplies needed to be successful in school
- \$30 – covers cost of an ASB card for a student

Your donations really make a difference to these students! Please donate today and help remove barriers – enhance learning – and enrich others' lives. Thank you so much!