

The Gift of Classroom Supplies and Equipment

The New Trier Educational Foundation has provided \$23,000 in classroom, office supplies and equipment to the District since last October through its membership with the National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources (NAEIR). NAEIR is a nonprofit organization that collects more than \$100 million worth of brand-new inventory donated by hundreds of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers around the country every year. Members of NAEIR, but for the cost of shipping and handling, have access to this inventory for free, on a first-come, first served basis. Academic departments that have benefited include Applied Arts (\$10,635), English (\$1,831), and Science (\$2,206), to name just a few. Non-academic departments such as Health Services, Student Services, Transportation, Security and the Business Office have received inventory that totals \$5,864. NAEIR's program is a unique way for faculty to secure classroom inventory that might otherwise not be accessible to them because of costs. Now they can reallocate budget dollars to another classroom experience because this inventory is free.

V.F. WORKWEAR, INC. - Longtime Donor

It was my pleasure to speak with Judy Taylor whose job is Inside Sales with V.F. WORKWEAR, INC. in Nashville, TN. Judy has held this position since 2005, but she has been with the company since 1998 and, therefore, has held a number of different positions within the company.

They manufacture professional work clothing, and it is Judy's job to sell, if possible, their distressed merchandise and excess inventory. What cannot be sold is donated to NAEIR, which, according to Judy is her first choice. This has been the case since their first donation in 2001.

There are two main reasons NAEIR is Judy's first choice. First and foremost, the fact that all donated merchandise goes to schools, churches and nonprofits nationwide, which comprise NAEIR's membership base, is what makes this even possible.

But second, Judy has established an excellent working relationship with Nancy Parlier, the Corporate Relations Representative who handles the V.F. WORKWEAR account. Nancy makes donating excess inventory to NAEIR both easy and expedient.



We want to recognize and thank Judy Taylor and V.F. WORKWEAR, INC. for their long relationship with NAEIR, and their significant role in helping us fulfill our mission.