

AAE and Our Members Giving Back

In recognition of the tremendous service educators like you give each year to your students, your colleagues, your schools, and your communities, AAE Foundation will make a year-end donation in the name of AAE members to five non-profits supporting students and educators.

Four highly-rated national charities have been selected and are listed below, but we need YOUR help selecting the fifth charity. Visit aaeteachers.org/givebackvote to review and vote to select the fifth charity.



Are you interested in organizing a fundraiser engaging your students in serving others in their community? If so, AAE Foundation may be able to contribute to your project. Submit a brief (100 word) summary of the project to mckenzie@aaeteachers.org for consideration.



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK
Who will feed the kids this weekend?

Blessings in a Backpack is a national program, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, that mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry.

► Learn more at blessingsinabackpack.org.



Shoes That Fit, based in Claremont, California, tackles one of the most visible signs of poverty in America by giving kids in need new athletic shoes to attend school with dignity and joy, prepared to learn, play, and thrive.

► Learn more at shoesthatfit.org.



Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, headquartered in Studio City, California, donates musical instruments to underserved schools nationwide in an effort to give youngsters the many benefits of music education, help them to be better students, and inspire creativity and expression through playing music.

► Learn more at mhopus.org.



StandUp for Kids, headquartered in Decatur, Georgia, works to end the cycle of youth homelessness by identifying and engaging homeless and at-risk youth. We then connect youth with an array of programs and outside community supports to address their whole-person needs to build healthy and trusting relationships, promote safety, and advocate with and for youth.

► Learn more at standupforkids.org. ■