

NEEDED: URGENT GIFT TO SUPPORT TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Dear Wenatchee River Institute Supporter:

I don't normally send you letters like this, but these are critical times.

COVID-19 means students are less connected than ever with the natural world. Students who already spend too much time inside, often at a computer, are now racking up even more hours.

Will you please make a gift today to keep students connected with, and learning about the natural world? Your gift will be matched – doubling your impact!

Here's what's going on. Yesterday I received an e-mail from a local teacher named Hillary. Hillary is struggling with how to teach from a distance. She has the time and support to teach reading and math - teaching environmental science just isn't a priority.

At the Wenatchee River Institute, we are easing the burden for Hillary. Our locally-produced videos teach a concept, like how to record observations in a nature journal, or how to build a bug hotel. Students are encouraged to go outside and practice that skill. They recognize the staff in the videos. They recognize the setting. Learning becomes even more real. Hillary can even send our written packets of outdoor activities to students with no internet access. Hillary can't do this alone - but you can help her.

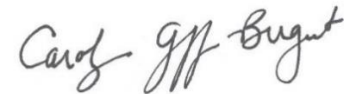
Your gift today will ensure that even though Hillary's students are stuck at home, they are still learning about and experiencing the joy and wonder of the natural world.

We are hearing from other teachers like Hillary – teachers in Leavenworth, Wenatchee, Orondo and Manson. Teachers who want to continue to provide high quality education, but don't have the capacity to do it all. Your support will help fill a critical need.

With COVID-19, our program income has dropped 90%. There is no money for curriculum support for our local teachers. **Your contribution today will provide instant support for teachers like Hillary.**

Action is needed now. Your gift will ensure our students are not stuck indoors. They need to be encouraged to get outside, create their own memories, and discover their place in the world.

Your gift will do just that.



Carolyn Griffin-Bugert
Executive Director

All donations up to \$15,000 will be matched. Double your impact - donate today!

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YES! I want to make sure students are still learning about nature, even when they are stuck at home!

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