



## Pendergast District to House Treasures 4 Teachers to Serve the West Valley



*District will house the T4T newest location slated to open July 2019*

March 7, 2019 – Phoenix, Arizona – Treasures 4 Teachers is a creative reuse center that supports educators by providing free and low cost supplies from the community's sustainable resources. This is accomplished through generous donations from companies and corporations; offices that are downsizing; overstocks, retiring teachers, the Kids In Need Foundation and individual donors. Treasures 4 Teachers helps educators by providing

supplies at significant savings that can be used in the classroom. They not only provide access to traditional supplies, but educators can also find a variety of unique resources to support the curriculum and inspire learners through STEAM-based activities and hands-on projects.

Treasures 4 Teachers envisioned an opportunity to expand to the west valley and serve more educators. Pendergast District offered a convenient, accessible location; a great "can do" attitude and a desire to support their teachers by offering them the benefit of free annual memberships (valued at \$35) that can be used at either of the Treasures 4 Teachers resource centers located in the West Valley or Tempe.

Anyone who is directly involved with the education of children is welcome to use T4T. This includes homeschoolers, tutors, summer counselors, scout leaders, coaches, enrichment providers, faith-based educators, early childhood providers and administrators.

According to Andrea Ellingboe, West Valley Director of Treasures 4 Teachers, "Educators typically spend in excess of \$700 per year out of their own pockets to provide necessary resources for their students and to provide them with the best educational experience. Treasures 4 Teachers was founded to help teachers get what they need through community support and sharing of valuable resources. This is a win-win for all! First, it is good for educators-who are able to stock their classrooms with needed items; secondly, it works for donors-who would otherwise pay to "dispose" of their materials and third, it is good for the environment by giving items a "second life" and keeping them out of landfills- thereby fulfilling the reuse and re-purpose mission."

Patti Mason is a Kindergarten teacher at Rio Vista Elementary School in the Pendergast District and she has been a member since 2017. "I am so excited that Treasures for Teachers is coming to the West Valley! When I first started



teaching, their store had so many basic supplies that I needed, and at little or no cost! T4T also runs promotions highlighting community partners that donate supplies for teacher use. Great resource for teachers!"

Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux shares, "We believe in our educators and that is why we are providing a home for T4T in the West Valley, and a free yearly membership to our teachers. We welcome all educators to come and participate at our district in the new T4T home, opening in July 2019 and located at 3802 N. 91st Avenue, Phoenix, on the campus of the Pendergast School District office, adjacent to the "Bee-hive". Parking is available in the lot on the south side of the campus."

Treasures4Teachers is a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are tax-deductible. Visit the [website](#) for more information.