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Three Teachers win Great American Classroom Makeover Prizes

Annual national contest awards deserving teachers with means to update classrooms and supplies

CINCINNATI – Feb. 2, 2010 – Great American Financial Resources®, Inc. (GAFRI), a member of the Great American Insurance Group family of companies, has announced the winners of The Great American Classroom Makeover. The national contest gives educators across the country the opportunity to nominate their classrooms to receive cash for necessary updates or supplies. Classroom winners also receive a matching prize for their school.

“A report from the National School Supply and Equipment Association shows that teachers are spending nearly \$1.9 billion out of pocket each year on classroom supplies,” says Mathew T. Dutkiewicz, executive vice president of Great American Life Insurance Company. “As an American company serving America’s educators, it’s important for us to do what we can to help alleviate some of that burden.”

Ten finalists were selected in December 2010 and put up for an online public vote throughout January 2011. More than 38,000 votes were received, and the winners are:

- **Marianne Daw, Augusta Elementary, Augusta, Wisconsin**
\$2,500 for Daw’s classroom, \$2,500 for Augusta Elementary
Augusta Elementary was overcome with mold in summer 2010, and teachers and students alike lost too many items to even count. The makeover will help reorganize and replace items like colored tables, rugs and toys for their preschool classrooms and special education preschoolers.
- **Ruth Lemmon, Warm Springs School, Fremont, California**
\$1,500 for Lemmon’s classroom, \$1,500 for Warm Springs School
Currently, Lemmon’s students’ personal items must sit outside the classroom, exposed to weather and crows that scavenge students’ lunches. This makeover will help create safe storage for students’ belongings.
- **Nancy Cahill & Val McDaniel, Indian Creek Elementary, Placerville, California**
\$1,000 to be split for Cahill’s and McDaniel’s classrooms, \$1,000 for Indian Creek Elementary
Two Indian Creek classrooms suffered storm damage when a ceiling caved in. Class books, cubbies, artwork and assignments were ruined. Although insurance covered physical repairs, this makeover will help restore students’ personal effects and teacher supplies.

“As teachers and schools struggle to stretch their funding to make the greatest impact, it’s our hope that the Great American Classroom Makeover can help make a real difference for students,” says Dutkiewicz.

Great American Financial Resources representatives will be visiting the winning teachers throughout the month of February to present the awards. For more information on the winners, visit www.TeachersDeserveTheBest.com.

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