We’re a labor union that represents education and public service employees.

AND WE’RE 12,000 MEMBERS STRONG!

Members can call on the National Education Association Rhode Island Children’s Fund to help students who may need a warm coat and hat, new eyeglasses, a visit to the doctor and more. The Fund depends solely on donations and the demand for help is great.

Your support and generosity make the difference!

The NEARI Children’s Fund is doing something about it.

Some of them go to school hungry.
Some of them have no heat at home.
Some of them can’t afford warm clothing.

ALL OF THEM deserve a fair shot at a quality education.
Where does the money come from?

The Fund is supported completely through donations. Contributions come from members, friends, and supporters through direct donations or – for some of our local associations – payroll deduction.

In addition, the Children’s Fund depends on fundraising events, including the annual NEARI golf tournament, the Educational Support Professional (ESP) dinner on National ESP Day, and local Association individual fundraiser events for the annual “March Magic” fundraiser.

You can help, too.

Find out more about the Children’s Fund at www.neari.org/childrensfund. Donations are always accepted on our website, just click the “Donate” button.

Like us on Facebook – National Education Association RI Children’s Fund.

Concern, hope and enthusiasm for children and their future.

In 1985, the National Education Association Rhode Island (NEARI) realized that our members see these students daily in their schools – students whose families can’t provide necessities such as food, clothing and shelter. NEARI established the Children’s Fund to help answer their needs.

Instead of reaching into their pockets, NEARI members can call on the Fund when a student needs glasses, a warm coat, or a new pair of shoes.

The Gingerbread Express

Through your generosity, the NEARI Children’s Fund does more than provide necessities for our neediest students on a day-to-day basis. It spreads holiday magic in the form of giant gift bags and boxes, each designed to make the happiest of holidays come true.

Since 1985, the Children’s Fund Gingerbread Express has provided members like you a way to ensure that no student feels the stigma of a bleak, gift-less holiday season.

Donor sign-up begins every fall, and wrapped gifts are delivered to NEARI by early December. Email vstaples@neari.org to volunteer to be a donor or to nominate a child (members only). Please help us give our needy students a holiday they will always remember.