



## DIY: OUTREACH

### Project: Adopt an Educator

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## IMPACT

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On any normal year, educators spend well over a 40-hour work week caring for and teaching our children. This school year has been unimaginably hard as they are learning how to navigate a new set of circumstances and challenges. A kind word, note of encouragement, and prayer on their behalf will go a long way to help these educators finish the school year strong.

Nicky Gumbel wrote, “Be generous with encouragement. It is verbal sunshine. It costs nothing, it warms hearts and enriches lives.”

Get paired with an educator from one of our partner schools to help enrich their lives by encouraging and praying for them during the school year.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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**Step 1:** Email [outreach@thecrossing.church](mailto:outreach@thecrossing.church) to let us know you're interested in adopting an educator from our partner school.

**Step 2:** You'll receive an email with your educator's name and a set of guidelines and ideas to follow for the remainder of the school year.

**Step 3:** Pray for your educator regularly, reach out to check in on them, and provide an act of encouragement once a month. This can be as simple as a letter by mail or email but could also be a small gift card, lunch delivered to the school, or a sweet treat.

**Step 4:** Be sure to stay in touch with [outreach@thecrossing.church](mailto:outreach@thecrossing.church). We'll send you ideas through email but would also love to hear stories from you about how it's going.

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## FUN IDEAS

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- Send a note through USPS on colorful stationary. Your partner educator will enjoy a physical reminder of encouragement to look back on in days and months to come.
- Do a prayer walk around your educator's school. Pray for your educator, the school staff, administration, students, and parents. Pray for their physical safety and emotional health. Pray for the relationships in their lives to be encouraging as you walk around the outside of the building and parking lot.
- If you'd like to send a gift to your teacher, consider a book for the class library from the [EyeSeeMe](#) local bookstore.
- Support a great organization and have [Bridge Bread](#) deliver a cinnamon roll treat to the school.
- Take pictures and post them to social media using #forthelou.