

SUBSTANCE

giving back

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Barbara Blalock, pictured, uses bottle caps of all shapes and sizes in the classroom.



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How much do teachers and educators spend each year on classroom supplies? Teachers can easily spend hundreds of personal dollars each year supplying their classrooms with needed materials. This includes simple yet necessary manipulatives of varying shapes, sizes and colors: coins, counters, sticks, buttons, straws, small toys and the like. Items that can be

counted, sorted, stacked, decorated, touched and manipulated by small hands.

What if we could help our local teachers by supplying them with free manipulatives? Would you do it?

Meet Barbara Blalock, executive director of a non-profit reusable resource center in Tempe: Treasures 4 Teachers, Inc. T4T has been featured in the news lately for their innovative