



**Not all student needs
are academic...**

YOU CAN HELP



What is the TCAPS Student Support Network (SSN)?

- The Student Support Network (SSN), formerly known as STEP, is a program administered by Traverse City Area Public Schools that provides free supportive, educational-related services to students, ages 3-20, to effectively nurture and support students whose non-academic needs may create obstacles to learning.

Why is the SSN necessary?

- Nearly 40% of area families qualify for free and reduced meals.
- Over 200 TCAPS students lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- Students whose basic needs have not been met are often unprepared to learn.

How does the SSN work?

- A TCAPS staff member identifies a student's need and completes a form to describe the need and urgency level.
- The district SSN Coordinator monitors and works to fulfill requests via human service agencies, community businesses, independent donors or the SSN operating budget.

What would my donation support?

- In the 2021-2022 school year, \$19,246.66 of SSN funds supported students in need.
- Needs include: school supplies, snacks, winter gear, shoes, clothing, performing arts or athletic fees, BATA passes, school photos, toiletries, grocery and gas gift cards and more.

How do I make a monetary donation?

- Visit www.tcaps.net/donate or click on the QR code provided below.
- Complete the form. In the program description section, designate "SSN" or other TCAPS program of your choice.
- To make an online donation by credit card, you will be routed to PayPal once you hit submit on your donation form. Follow the PayPal instructions to complete your donation.
- To donate by mail, make check payable to TCAPS, write "SSN donation" in the memo line on your check, and mail to: TCAPS, Attn: Katie Kubesh, 412 Webster St., Traverse City 49686.
- To donate supplies or snacks to the SSN, please call 231.933.1789 or email kubeshka@tcaps.net.



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