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COLORADO RETIRED TEACHER TAKES ACTION TO HELP SCHOOL SHOOTING VICTIMS AND FAMILY

Newly founded Teachers Rising Up Foundation (TRU) will provide immediate and long term support for teachers, students and families of a school shooting anywhere in the country. Retired Cherry Creek School District teacher David Croft founded TRU with a mission to partner with national and local agencies to provide rapid response services and long term programs for those who experience both physical and mental trauma from a school shooting.

"We can't stop taking care of people who have been put in these situations. My passion, my mission is to help these victims become whole again," said Croft.

After spending 30 years as an educator, he plans to spend his retirement still servicing kids nationwide. He hopes TRU will be able to support all school staff, students and their families through financial assistance with counseling, copays and prosthetics. Croft sees teachers as first responders in these violent school events and says they often suffer from the same type of trauma faced by other first responders. He believes we owe it to the victims we have lost to take care of their family, friends and teachers.

"Some of these victims are stuck because of what they saw and have been through in these violent events. I want to help these kids and educators move forward and find peace," Croft said.

TRU's 501(c)(3) status is filed with the Internal Revenue Services. www.teachersrisingup.org