One third of net proceeds from the 2021 Governor’s Art Show will be donated to Thompson Education Foundation’s Homeless Assistance Fund. The fund — provides a variety of services for homeless students and their families — from gas and grocery cards to basic car repair and other emergency services.

Thompson School District had more than 850 students who qualified for assistance in the 2020-2021 school year. This includes students living in motels, sleeping on a floor in a house occupied by multiple families, living out of a car, or living completely on their own due to a death, abuse or other reasons. Many of these students are working evening jobs in addition to attending school.

“The goal of the fund is to ensure education stability and success by providing support and assistance to students and families in homeless situations,” said Jana Ramchander, Thompson School District’s Homeless Liaison. “You’d be amazed at what a difference these things make at keeping a child in school.”