Edurelief, a non-profit organization based out of Eugene, Oregon is encouraging University of Oregon students to donate their textbooks to help children receive the education they would otherwise go without. A new campaign, called Books for Books, will take the funds raised from donated textbooks to provide new textbooks to help children in Mongolia stay in school.

The organization, run by a number of UO students, hopes that its campaign will challenge students to get involved in causes that support education in communities which cannot afford to send their children to school. According to UNICEF there are more than 75 million children worldwide currently out of school. Edurelief hopes, with the partnership of university students, to help some of these children return to school.

“We want people to see that they can be the difference in these situations, that by simply giving away our used textbooks or donating $20 to help keep a child in school for a year can change the world for someone,” says Edurelief founder Jonathan Renich. “Even when students feel they have limited resources, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to make the world a better place for everyone.”

Book drop locations will be available across campus. Students wanting to donate their books can visit Edurelief’s website at www.edurelief.org to find the location nearest to them.

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