

**ONLY 1 IN 10 STUDENTS GROWING UP IN POVERTY
WILL GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE**

Together we can change this

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Our country aspires to be a place of equal opportunity, yet where children are born still too often determines their educational and life trajectories. The educational inequity that persists along socioeconomic and racial lines is a national injustice.

By the time they're in fourth grade, children growing up in low-income communities are already two to three grade levels behind their peers in higher-income communities, and the gap only widens from there.¹

Despite the enormity of the problem, we know it can be solved.

¹ Source: National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2009.



Breanne Diaz teaches sixth grade English and social studies.



Miguel Saldana teaches sixth grade English and social studies.

7,300 CORPS MEMBERS TEACH IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION

Teach For America sponsors have a unique opportunity to play a key role in helping us support the outstanding recent college graduates who work relentlessly to fuel academic achievement in thousands of classrooms throughout the country. Last year, 35,000 individuals applied to join the 2009 corps, including 11 percent of seniors at Ivy League schools. Teach For America is the number one employer of graduating seniors at more than 20 schools, including Georgetown University, Spelman College, and the University of Chicago.

“The best thing about being in the classroom so far is when my students connect with subject content in a way that they never have before. It makes what was formerly an insurmountable task seem like a walk in the park...or a walk in the direction of college.”

Masharika Prejean Maddison (Corps '08)

ACCORDING TO A RECENT URBAN INSTITUTE STUDY, TEACH FOR AMERICA CORPS MEMBERS ARE, ON AVERAGE, MORE EFFECTIVE THAN NON-TEACH FOR AMERICA TEACHERS IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS, AND ESPECIALLY IN MATH AND SCIENCE ²

The support of our sponsors provides corps members with high-quality, intensive pre-service training and ongoing professional development to ensure success in the classroom. Experienced educators work with corps members to improve their practice and accelerate student progress toward goals.

Corps members commit to teach for two years in underserved public schools and become lifelong leaders, improving outcomes and opportunities for all students.

“In mid-December, my Assistant Principal informed me that my students had mastered more material in three months than last year’s eighth graders did in the entire year.”

Scott McIntosh (Corps '08)

² Source: The Urban Institute/CALDER, 2008-09.





Chris Gueits teaches third grade.

63 PERCENT OF OUR NEARLY 17,000 ALUMNI REMAIN IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

Our alumni bring strong leadership to all levels of the school system and every professional sector, addressing the extra challenges facing children growing up in low-income communities, building the capacity of schools and districts, and changing the prevailing ideology through their examples and advocacy.

“Seeing all of our graduates head off to four-year colleges is rewarding in itself, but by sharing their achievements more broadly, we can help to transform public perception of what is possible with education in low-income communities.”

Tom Torkelson (Corps '97)
CEO and Co-Founder, IDEA Public Schools

In 2009, *US News & World Report* ranked IDEA's flagship school the 19th best high school – and the sixth best charter school – in the nation.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Your support will enable us to impact more than 450,000 students across the nation in classrooms everyday.

With the largest corps size in our history and a growing alumni leadership force, we are effecting fundamental change in classrooms, schools, and across entire school systems. Our continued growth and impact depends upon the generosity of our individual donors.

Teach For America sponsors have a unique opportunity to play a key role in the movement to end educational inequity by supporting the corps members on the frontlines of our work. Through the Sponsor A Teacher campaign, you can witness the direct impact of your investment through classroom visits and interactions with both corps members and alumni. A gift of \$5,000 or more helps Teach For America recruit, select, train, and support outstanding recent college graduates who go above and beyond to expand opportunities for their students. Your support creates a pipeline of

future leaders in two ways: 1) through the students taught and mentored by corps members; and 2) the corps members themselves, nearly two-thirds of whom remain engaged in education following their two-year commitment.

As a sponsor you will join a unique group of results-oriented philanthropists who witness the impact our corps members and alumni are demonstrating every day, as they ensure that all of our nation's children have the opportunities they need to excel academically.

Sponsors make the change we achieve every day possible.

“Sponsoring a teacher has allowed our family to experience first-hand, the passion, rigor, resilience, and intellect that Teach For America teachers call forth in their daily mission to provide an excellent education to underserved students. It’s the least we can do for a challenge and responsibility as big as this.”

Deb and Christopher Sawch
Sponsors since 2008

“The hope for real transformation in education lies in the fact that we are assembling a corps of people who will be willing to fight for what is right in public education. It can be done.”

Joel Klein

Chancellor, New York City Public Schools



One day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.

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