



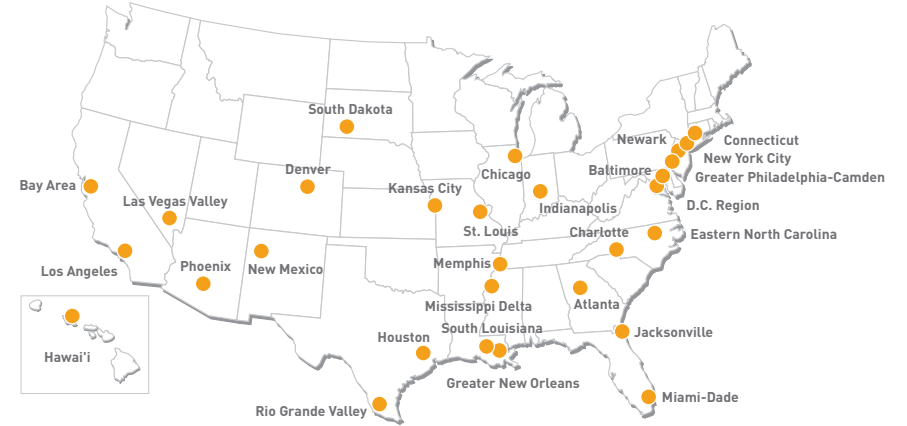
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## THE PROBLEM

The educational inequity that persists along socioeconomic and racial lines is our nation's greatest injustice. Today in our country, where a child is born determines his or her educational outcomes. Half of the 13 million children growing up in poverty won't graduate from high school by the time they are 18, and those who do will perform on average at an eighth grade level<sup>1</sup>—making the challenge of escaping poverty a nearly impossible task.

We believe that this educational disparity between students growing up in low-income communities and their peers in high-income communities is simply unacceptable. Teach For America's mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting our nation's most promising future leaders in the effort. We work to meet our goals with a great sense of urgency, fueled by our belief that despite the enormity of the problem, it can be solved.



**Our corps members are reaching some 400,000 students and teaching in more than 1,600 schools in 29 urban and rural regions across the nation.**

**YOUR SUPPORT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.**

<sup>1</sup> Source: National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2005

"We can't think of a better investment than to assist recent college graduates in using their education and newly learned skills to create a brighter future for other young people through the selfless endeavor of teaching."

**Y. Ping Sun**, Houston Regional Board Member, Teach For America and  
**David W. Leebron**, President of Rice University  
Teach For America supporters since 2005

## OUR IMPACT

Every day, we see evidence that when children facing the challenges of poverty are given the educational opportunities they deserve, they excel. By recruiting, selecting, training, and placing top recent college graduates in underserved schools, we are creating the kinds of classrooms where students are empowered to learn, grow, and succeed.

A study released in 2008 by the Urban Institute, a leading independent research organization, found that high school students taught by Teach For America corps members outperform their peers, including those taught by teachers fully certified in their subject areas. The positive impact of having a Teach For America teacher was three times that of having a teacher with three or more years of experience. Our corps members are teaching in some of the highest-need classrooms in the country, where students begin the year, on average, at the 14th percentile against the national norm.<sup>2</sup>

Corps members commit to spending two years in the classroom, but their impact does not stop there. Approximately two-thirds of Teach For America alumni are currently working or studying full-time in the field of education. They become leaders in the classroom, in education more broadly, and across all sectors, where they attack the challenges of poverty, build the capacity of school systems, and work to change the prevailing ideology and policies.

When you invest in a Teach For America corps member, you are not only making an immediate impact for today's students but also building a force of leaders who will shift the way our country addresses the inequities in our public school system.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., 2004

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Teach For America sponsors play a key role in building the movement to eliminate educational inequity by helping us reach our goal of fielding a corps of 7,500 teachers in 33 regions across the country by 2010. At this scale, we will provide between 10 and 30 percent of the new teachers hired in our regions overall, reaching more than 450,000 students in underserved public schools, while our ever-expanding force of alumni assumes critical leadership roles to fundamentally solve the problem of educational inequity.

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 the traditional expectations for teachers to expand opportunities for their students. Through their classroom experience, corps members gain valuable insight and conviction to become lifelong leaders for ensuring educational opportunity for all.

As a sponsor, you will join a community of results-oriented philanthropists who care deeply about the direction of public education in this country. Your support will enable corps members to improve the life prospects of students growing up in low-income communities and provide you with an understanding of how they, together with our alumni, are a powerful force for change.

**Please join us by completing and returning the sponsor commitment form today.**



"When I joined the Sponsor A Teacher program, I knew I was investing in a great cause that makes a difference at the classroom level. What I hadn't anticipated was the tremendous return I'd experience through the relationship with Sara Hernandez, my Teach For America corps member. Sara is mission-driven and energized by the challenges she faces in her classroom. I truly believe that by investing in the Sponsor A Teacher program, you get so much more than you give."

**Tom Davin**, Chief Executive Officer, Panda Restaurant Group, Inc.  
Teach For America supporter since 1992



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“The passion and commitment that Teach For America corps members bring to their mission—whether in rural or urban communities—is nothing short of stunning. To support them—with, I hope, the same passion and commitment—is a privilege. And that so many Teach For America alumni remain dedicated to public education, choosing to devote their careers to improving the system, finding innovative solutions and the means to implement them, is positively inspirational.”

**Kayce Freed Jennings**

Teach For America supporter since 2001

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