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**LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATES  
\$1 MILLION TO TEACH FOR AMERICA**

*Grant to Support Recruitment and Professional Development of Teachers in Seven Regions*

**NEW YORK, March 27, 2012** — Teach For America and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation today announced the foundation's \$1 million grant to support Teach For America's work in seven metro areas nationwide: Charlotte, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Philadelphia. Teach For America recruits, trains and develops top recent college graduates and professionals to teach in high-need urban and rural schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational equity.

"We're grateful for Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation's continued support of our efforts to build the force of leaders working to expand educational opportunity," said Wendy Kopp, chief executive officer and founder of Teach For America. "Lowe's generosity will enable more Teach For America corps members and alumni to join the dedicated teachers in these cities as they lead students to fulfill their true potential."

More than 9,000 Teach For America corps members are teaching in 43 regions across the country, reaching more than 600,000 students. Nearly 24,000 alumni of the program are applying their firsthand understanding of the challenges and potential in our nation's urban and rural schools to lead and support efforts to ensure educational equity. This \$1 million investment brings Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation's total giving to Teach For America to \$2.25 million since 2010. Lowe's has a long history of supporting the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects.

"The future of our country is being formed in classrooms across the nation every day," said Marshall Croom, chairman of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "As part of our strong commitment to education, Lowe's is proud to support Teach for America's work to bring a quality education to students who will become our future leaders."

A growing body of research demonstrates the effectiveness of Teach For America corps members. Recent studies from [Louisiana](#), [North Carolina](#) and [Tennessee](#) found that corps members

have a positive impact on student achievement. The most recent study, from Tennessee, identified Teach For America as the most effective of the state's 42 teacher-preparation programs for the second consecutive year.

### **About Teach For America**

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding individuals of all academic disciplines to commit two years to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Today more than 9,000 corps members are teaching in 43 urban and rural regions across the country, while nearly 24,000 alumni are working across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **About Lowe's**

Lowe's supports the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. The company's signature education grant program, [Lowe's Toolbox for Education](#)<sup>®</sup>, has donated nearly \$5 million in grants to K-12 public schools every year since its inception in 2006. [Lowe's Heroes](#) employee volunteers support local community projects and our national nonprofit partners such as [Habitat for Humanity](#) and the [American Red Cross](#). In 2011, Lowe's and the [Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation](#) together contributed more than \$32 million to support communities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. To learn more, visit: [Lowe.com/SocialResponsibility](http://Lowe.com/SocialResponsibility).

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