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### **Teach For America Statement on Passing of Lewis Katz and Marcella Dalsey**

**New York, NY (June 2, 2014)** - Teach For America released the following statement on the recent passing of Lewis Katz, Marcella Dalsey, and fellow passengers and crew members:

*"Teach For America is saddened to learn of the passing of Lewis Katz, Marcella Dalsey, fellow passengers and crew members following a plane crash over the weekend in Massachusetts.*

*"Mr. Katz had a long-standing commitment to philanthropy, with an abiding interest in education across Philadelphia and Camden, NJ, where he was born and raised. Ms. Dalsey directed Katz's foundation, was president of Katz Academy in Camden, and did her work with a collegial, hopeful spirit. Teach For America is proud to have collaborated with Mr. Katz and Ms. Dalsey in partnership with students in Camden. Their energy and optimism will be missed.*

*"Our sincere condolences go out to all the families and loved ones affected by this tragic loss."*

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### **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 11,000 corps members are teaching in 48 urban and rural regions across the country while over 32,000 alumni work from 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](#).