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DANIELS FUND AWARDS \$400,000 TO TEACH FOR AMERICA TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Funds to Help Expand the Number of Teachers for High-Need Schools and Subject Areas

DENVER, July 9, 2014—Teach For America announced today that it has received a \$400,000 Daniels Fund grant to help expand educational opportunity for students in high-need schools across the state. This financial commitment from the Daniels Fund will help Teach For America—Colorado recruit, train, and provide ongoing support for teachers in underserved communities.

Bill Daniels, a cable-television pioneer and visionary business leader, was known for his unwavering commitment to ethics and integrity, as well as for his kindness and generosity to those in need. Upon his death in 2000, his \$1 billion estate was transferred to the Daniels Fund, making it one of the largest private foundations in the Rocky Mountain region. The Daniels Fund provides grants to highly effective nonprofits and college scholarships to traditional and nontraditional students in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. To date, the Daniels Fund has awarded more than \$365 million in grants and scholarships in Colorado.

Teach For America recruits top college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong advocates for educational equity. This past school year, 265 Teach For America corps members and nearly 900 alumni—including 345 teachers and 35 school or district leaders—reached more than 35,000 Colorado students. Teach For America teachers were hired in 81 schools across five districts statewide.

“We’re thrilled to receive support from the Daniels Fund that will enable us to take important next steps in our partnerships with districts,” said Sean Vanberschot, executive director of Teach For America—Colorado. “We are eager to increase our impact as part of the broader efforts to expand educational opportunity and excellence for all of our state’s students.”

Teach For America—Colorado partners with Adams 14, Aurora Public Schools, Denver Public Schools, Harrison School District 2 in Colorado Springs, and Sheridan Public Schools, and this fall will begin partnering with Pueblo City Schools (D60).

Research indicates that Teach For America corps members have a positive effect on student achievement. Between 2009 and 2013, statewide studies in [North Carolina](#), [Tennessee](#), and [Louisiana](#) concluded that Teach For America is among each state’s top teacher-preparation programs. A [2013 Mathematica study](#) found that, on average, students taught by Teach For America teachers gained an additional 2.6 months of learning in math annually.

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 college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach

in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the movement to end educational inequity. Our corps in the 2013-14 school year included 11,000 teachers in 48 urban and rural regions across the country. Today, our 37,000 alumni are working across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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