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TEACH FOR AMERICA NAMED ONE OF THE 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR IN 2012 BY FORTUNE MAGAZINE

*Nonprofit Organization Dedicated to Expanding Educational Opportunity
Honored for Second Consecutive Year, Rising 12 Spots to No. 70*

New York, January 19, 2012—Fortune magazine announced today that Teach For America, the nonprofit organization that enlists top college graduates in the movement to end educational inequity, ranks No. 70 on the magazine's 2012 list of "Best Companies to Work For." This is the second consecutive year that Teach For America has been on the list.

Teach For America recruits, trains, and supports recent college graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools in under-resourced communities and gain the foundational experience for a lifetime of educational leadership and advocacy. More than 9,000 Teach For America teachers are working in 34 states and the District of Columbia, and the program's nearly 24,000 alumni are a leadership force in the movement for educational equity and excellence.

Teach For America's over 1,600 staff members play a critical role in the effort to eliminate our nation's academic achievement gap. Staff members bring a range of backgrounds and experiences, with approximately half being Teach For America alumni, and over one-third identifying as people of color, including 14 percent who identify as African American, and 8 percent who identify as Latino.

"It's an honor to be named to this list and is a testament to our staff members' tremendous leadership and teamwork, and the strong and inclusive culture we've built together," said Wendy Kopp, founder and chief executive officer of Teach For America. "I am proud to work alongside such a talented, committed, and diverse group of people who care deeply about ensuring that all kids have access to an excellent education."

To pick the 100 Best Companies to Work For, Fortune partners with the Great Place to Work Institute to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America; 280 firms participated in this year's survey. More than 246,000 employees at those companies responded to a survey created by the institute, a global research and consulting firm operating in 45 countries around the world. Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the results of the institute's Trust Index survey, which is sent to a random sample of employees from each company. The survey asks questions related to their attitudes about management's credibility, job satisfaction, and camaraderie. The other third is based on responses to the institute's Culture Audit, which includes detailed questions about pay and benefit programs and a series of open-ended questions about hiring practices, methods of internal communication, training, recognition

programs, and diversity efforts. Any company that is at least five years old and has more than 1,000 U.S. employees is eligible.

"This recognition reinforces the pride I have in this organization after being on staff for nearly ten years," said Aimée Eubanks Davis, executive vice president of people community and diversity at Teach For America. "Beyond having the privilege of working towards the important mission of ending educational inequity, I am humbled by the incredible people I work alongside."

The full list and related stories can be found at <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/best-companies/2012/snapshots/70.html>.

About Teach For America

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in expanding educational opportunity. Today, more than 9,000 corps members are teaching in 43 regions across the country, while nearly 24,000 Teach For America alumni continue working from inside and outside the field of education for the fundamental changes necessary to ensure educational excellence and equity. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org.