

Educational inequity limits the life prospects of millions of children.

Teach For being part of the solution.

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Teach For America is an organization committed to ending educational inequity. In our experience, there is great potential within faith communities to find many passionate individuals who share our passion for addressing this national injustice, and who demonstrate qualities that make them strong Teach For America candidates. Recognizing this connection, Teach For America reaches out to outstanding leaders in the faith community and urges them to join the movement to ensure educational opportunity for all.

By committing two years to teach in an urban or rural community, our corps members assume tremendous responsibility, transforming the life prospects of children facing the challenges of poverty.

» To learn more about Teach For America and the faith community, visit www.teachforamerica.org/jointhemovement.



KERRY DONAHUE

- » Eastern North Carolina Corps '07
- » College of the Holy Cross, B.S. '07
- » Georgetown University, M.P.P. '11

My faith became a more important part of my life at the Catholic (Jesuit) college I attended. At Holy Cross, I discovered that the Jesuit motto “men and women for others” could be a driving force in my life. At Holy Cross, I realized that a large part of my faith and service of God would be through the service of others. I got involved in various community service and campus ministry programs. I knew I wanted to continue this service after college. That made Teach For America the perfect opportunity. After I graduated I wanted a chance to truly live out the Jesuit motto and be a woman for others. Each day I walk into my classroom I am that woman. Teach For America is a completely unselfish endeavor, one that has challenged me to live up to my beliefs every single day.



NEIL SPEARS

- » Los Angeles Corps '07
- » University of California, San Diego, B.S. '06
- » Harvard Graduate School of Education, Ed.M. '10

For me, being Jewish has always been a lot more about actions than about exact beliefs. The way that I express my Judaism is by working to make the world around me a more just, equitable place. It just seemed natural that teaching in a low-income community and being part of a movement of like-minded peers across the nation would fit with my Jewish values. I can't think of a more fulfilling way I could have expressed my Jewish identity than to join Teach For America.



SARA HAKEEM

- » Chicago Corps '07
- » University of Texas at Austin, B.A. '07
- » University of Michigan, Ph.D. '16

Islam had everything to do with my decision to join Teach For America. Right after I had my final interview, I attended a lecture at UT given by Islamic scholar Umar Faruq-Abdullah. His entire lecture was about how Muslims have a religious duty not only to perform the personal rites of religion (such as prayer and fasting), but also a duty to improve society. What we normally think of as fard (required) are things like prayer, but there is also something called a fard-kifaya – that's the religious duty you have to the society in which you live as a Muslim. What better way to fulfill a socioreligious obligation and a sociopolitical goal all in one: work toward educating America's youth, thereby improving our country and our status as Muslims in this country.



TIFFANY MOORE

- » Los Angeles Corps '06
- » Azusa Pacific University '06
- » Loyola Marymount University '08

I believe that the disparities in our educational system are some of the biggest injustices here in America. My identity as a follower of Jesus Christ is to advocate, educate, and empower those whose voices have been overlooked and marginalized. Teach For America provided me with an unparalleled opportunity to give our kids the education they deserve.

COLLABORATIONS

Teach For America collaborates with many faith-based organizations that value the work corps members do across the country. Our partners recognize that Teach For America is a way for its members to answer the call of giving back to those in need.

A selection of 2009 corps members from some of our collaborations is listed below.

- Campus Crusade for Christ: 158 corps members
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 229 corps members
- Hillel: 148 corps members
- InterVarsity: 117 corps members
- Muslim Students Association: 23 corps members
- Young Life: 191 corps members

One of the most amazing things about this new and developing relationship between Young Life and Teach For America is who it's drawing to the mission – high-caliber believers who want to make a difference in kids' lives.

Josh Griffin

Young Life's Associate Director of Field Initiatives

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