

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT TEACH FOR AMERICA • GREATER NASHVILLE

"When I was elected as Mayor of Nashville, one of my first priorities was to bring Teach For America to Nashville – and their arrival here remains one of the critical pillars in my education reform platform. It is of vital importance that every classroom in Nashville has an effective, successful teacher, and results consistently show that Teach For America teachers are among the most effective in our schools and in the state of Tennessee. Teach For America brings highly-effective teachers into our classrooms, while at the same time developing these teachers into our city's future leaders. **I encourage any organization or individual looking to make a difference in the lives of our students and our city's larger quality of life to contribute to Teach For America.**"

— KARL DEAN, mayor of Nashville

"Tennessee's education approach emphasizes our commitment to have the best and the brightest educators in every classroom. Teach For America corps members represent some of these great teachers and leaders that are guiding high-need schools across the Greater Nashville area towards remarkable achievement gains and student success."

— BILL HASLAM, governor of Tennessee

"We are very pleased with this year's class of Teach For America teachers. This year's class... showed great leadership and dedication. We appreciate this partnership and look forward to working with the new recruits."

— DR. JESSE REGISTER, director of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
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"As a teacher myself, I understand the time and dedication it takes to prepare the future generations of our country. Teach For America has helped put some of our nation's finest individuals into the classroom, enriching minds and communities across the country – including many right here in Middle Tennessee. Their hard work, leadership, and passion for the teaching profession has made Teach For America a model for educational excellence."

— JIM COOPER, United States Congressman, Tennessee 5th District

"All children deserve a highly motivated classroom instructor who will teach and support them well. There is tremendous value in programs that aim to bridge the achievement gap between children from various backgrounds. I have seen the dedication, passion, and energy of many teachers involved in this program, and Teach For America is a big step in the right direction."

— CRISSY HASLAM, first lady of Tennessee

"Teach For America provides an important opportunity for some of the nation's best and brightest college students to actively work on a social good after graduation. Nashville is fortunate that many Teach For America alums will choose to remain in Middle Tennessee after their two-year commitment – working with Metro Nashville Public Schools, teaching in charter schools, participating in the legislature, or maybe leading businesses."

— CARTER TODD, council member, Metropolitan Nashville Council