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**Wendy Kopp, February 1, 2007
President and Founder, Teach For America**



Wendy Kopp proposed the creation of Teach For America in her undergraduate senior thesis in 1989 and has spent the last 15 years working to sustain and grow the organization. Now, more than 3,500 corps members are teaching in our country's neediest communities, reaching approximately 300,000 students. They join more than 10,000 Teach For America alumni who—still in their 20s and 30s—are assuming significant leadership roles in education and social reform. Under Kopp's leadership, Teach For America is in the midst of an effort to grow to scale while maximizing the impact of corps members and alumni as a force for short-term and long-term change.

Kopp serves on the board of directors of The New Teacher Project, and the advisory boards of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the National Council on Teacher Quality. She resides in New York City with her husband Richard Barth and their three sons.

To learn more about Teach For America, please visit <http://www.teachforamerica.org>.