



## *Great Grants and Initiatives*

Grantor: **Daniels Fund**

Grantee or Initiative: **Teach For America, K-12 Education Reform**

Amount: **\$250,000**    Period of Grant Award: **2007**

A \$250,000 grant from the Daniels Fund allowed Teach For America to bring 60 teachers to Denver Public Schools (DPS) in 2007.

Teach For America is the national corps of top college graduates who commit two years to teach in under-resourced public schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of expanding educational opportunities for all students.

“We are truly excited to join the broad reform efforts that are taking place in the Denver Public Schools,” said Kevin Huffman, Teach For America’s senior vice president for growth strategy and development. “People across the country are noticing what’s happening here in Denver, and we’re looking forward to working with Michael Bennett and his team in executing their ambitious goals.”

Like many large urban school systems, DPS faces challenges including poor academic achievement and low graduation and college matriculation rates. DPS is in the process of implementing the Denver Plan, the goal of which is for DPS to lead the nation’s cities in student achievement, high school graduation, college and career preparation, and college matriculation.

“The first goal of the Denver Plan is that DPS students will learn from a highly skilled faculty and Teach For America will help us realize that goal,” said Michael Bennet, superintendent of Denver Public Schools. “We believe our students, the District, and the entire community will benefit from our partnership with Teach for America.”

In addition to receiving intensive training at Teach For America’s summer institute, Denver corps members will receive ongoing professional development from both Teach For America and DPS.