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Summer Odysseys Energize Minneapolis Teachers for New School Year
Fund for Teachers Grants Bridge Teacher Learning With Dynamic Classrooms

HOUSTON (August 31, 2010) – Students returning to several Minneapolis area classrooms may confuse their teacher with an explorer, researcher or scholar. They're actually one and the same, thanks to Fund for Teachers grants that sent nine teachers on summer learning odysseys this summer.

Tapping their inner-student, these teachers individually designed and experienced fellowships to engage and inspire both themselves and, subsequently, their students. As a result, their teaching and curriculum will now reflect insights, experiences and primary sources collected from around the world.

For example:

- Students of **Burroughs Community** will forge a sister school program with a school in rural Vietnam for whom **Nhat Dang** provided educational, health and social welfare support;
- **Sara Crawford's** students at **Andersen Complex** will be introduced to the Reading Workshop methodology she learned at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University.
- **The Blake School** science students will benefit from a teaching interchange between the Light of Hope Orphanage in Kenya established by **Rand Harrington** when he volunteered there.

After navigating the globe on \$14.2 million in Fund for Teachers fellowships over ten years, these and 4,000 more "Fellows" daily inspire school communities with experiences and insights only attainable by "being there." Each fellowship is as unique as the teacher who designed it; and regardless of the destination or discipline, our Fellows have returned to more than 2,500 schools inspired by their pursuit of ideas, terrains, and cultures on all seven continents.

Teachers interested in pursuing 2011 summer grants may apply online beginning September 1 at fundforteachers.org/apply. Deadline for applications is November 1, 2010.

Fund for Teachers, through The Blake School and AchieveMpls, has awarded \$682,012 in grants to 202 Minneapolis area teachers. To learn about their adventures, visit

www.fundforteachers.org/fellowsearch, or visit facebook.com/fundforteachers to follow all of the 2010 Fellows' summer odysseys.

Fund for Teachers is a national, donor-supported organization celebrating its tenth year of awarding teachers the chance to pursue learning opportunities that have the greatest impact on themselves, their students and their communities. For more information, visit fundforteachers.org.

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