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Fund For Teachers Receives \$50,000 Grant from Staples Foundation for Learning

Funds will Support Professional Development Program for America's Top K-12 Educators

Houston, TX (July 6, 2008) – Fund For Teachers, a national donor-supported organization providing teachers with grants to pursue self-designed professional development opportunities in order to keep them engaged and inspired in their classrooms, today announced it received a \$50,000 grant from Staples Foundation for Learning (SFFL), a private foundation created by Staples, Inc. Funding from SFFL will help fund grants to support summer learning opportunities that empower teachers to bring their experiences back to the classroom, implement new teaching methods and create innovative learning programs.

“Fund for Teachers gives experienced teachers from across the country the opportunity to invest in their own learning, and in the process improve their teaching,” said Karen Kovach Webb, executive director of Fund for Teachers. “Support from Staples Foundation for Learning will help to ensure educators have access to the funds needed to gain hands on experience that translates into the development of high-quality, creative programs to keep learning interesting for students.”

“Staples Foundation for Learning is dedicated to providing teachers with the resources they need to motivate their students to achieve academic success,” said Joy Errico, director of community relations for Staples, Inc. “Fund for Teachers recognizes that real life experiences enhance an educator’s training to create the most engaging and rewarding classroom environment for students.”

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About Fund for Teachers

Fund for Teachers awards fellowships for self-designed professional growth to teachers who recognize the value of inquiry, the power of knowledge and their ability to make a difference. Since 2001, Fund for Teachers has awarded approximately \$12 million in teacher grants to more than 3,500 teachers from across the country. For more information about Fund for Teachers, please visit www.fundforteachers.org.

About Staples Foundation for Learning

The mission of Staples Foundation for Learning, Inc. is to teach, train and inspire. Founded in 2002, the foundation has contributed nearly \$15 million to national and local charities that provide educational opportunities and job skills for all people, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Staples Foundation for Learning has also developed lasting relationships with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Earth Force, Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City. In addition, Staples Foundation for Learning supports Ashoka, an organization that develops and supports social entrepreneurs around the world, in eight countries: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Spain and the United States. For more information about the foundation or how to apply for a grant, please visit www.staplesfoundation.org.

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