

# WENDY KOPP

Teach For America

1991 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Enlist, develop, and mobilize as many as possible of our nation's most promising future leaders to grow and strengthen the movement for educational equity and excellence.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

As we approach our 25th Anniversary, Teach For America is pursuing an evolved strategic direction that is rooted in the belief that providing all kids with an excellent education is possible within our lifetime. Reaching this new milestone will let us know that the broad national movement for equity and excellence has succeeded:

95% of children living in low-income communities will graduate from high school prepared for success in college and career. Why not 100%? For some children growing up with profound learning differences or in extremely exceptional circumstances, college is not the appropriate proxy for success. 100% of children deserve an excellent education that meets their individual needs.

## PERSONAL BIO

Wendy Kopp is CEO and Co-Founder of Teach For All, a global network of independent organizations that are cultivating many of their nations' most promising future leaders to ensure their most marginalized children have the chance to fulfill their true potential. Now in its eighth year, the Teach For All network is comprised of partner organizations in more than 35 countries around the world.

Wendy founded Teach For America in 1989 to marshal the energy of her generation against educational inequity in the United States. She proposed the creation of Teach For America in her undergraduate senior thesis at Princeton in 1989 and has spent the last 23 years working to grow the organization's impact. Today, more than 10,000 Teach For America corps members—outstanding recent college graduates and professionals of all academic disciplines—are in the midst of two-year teaching commitments in 50 urban and rural regions, and Teach For America has proven to be an unparalleled source of long-term leadership for expanding opportunity for children.

After leading Teach For America for 24 years, Wendy moved into the role of chair of the board in 2013. Wendy is also the author of *A Chance to Make History: What Works and What Doesn't in Providing an Excellent Education for All*, and *One Day, All Children*. Wendy is an avid runner, constant traveler, and lives with her four kids and husband in New York.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

New York, United States

### Impact Location

North America

United States

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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