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TEACH FOR AMERICA—LAS VEGAS VALLEY BEGINS NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH \$50,000 DONATION FROM BARRICK GOLD

*Funds to Support the Recruitment, Training, and Professional Development of Teach For America
Corps Members and Alumni*

LAS VEGAS, August 30, 2016—Teach For America—Las Vegas Valley is proud to celebrate the start of a new school year working closely with students, families, fellow educators and local organizations in Southern Nevada. The start of the year is also marked by a \$50,000 donation from Barrick Gold. Teach For America recruits a diverse group of our nation’s most promising leaders to make an enduring commitment to educational equity, beginning with teaching for at least two years in high-need urban and rural schools including Clark County.

“The support of local organizations such as Barrick Gold is instrumental to our ability to bring diverse and talented people from all over the country, as well as from right here in the Valley, to strengthen education from inside and outside of the classroom,” said Sean Parker, executive director of Teach For America—Las Vegas Valley. “We’re able to help make a positive impact on 30,000 Clark County students to ensure they’re prepared for college, their careers, and beyond.

Since 2004, Las Vegas Valley corps members and alumni have been involved in the local effort to offer all students an excellent education. This year, about 80 new teachers will begin teaching in Clark County schools and join more than 300 alumni still working in the region including three alumni principals and several entrepreneurs and nonprofit founders. Among the new teachers, 60 percent identify as people of color and 43 percent identify as coming from low income backgrounds. Additionally, 43 percent of these new teachers are the first in their family to graduate from college. Partnerships with organizations like Barrick Gold have helped Teach For America attract diverse corps members—many of whom share the backgrounds of students affected by educational inequity—to the Las Vegas Valley and provide innovative resources and trainings to become lifelong advocates for educational equity.

“Barrick is partnering with Teach For America and investing in the recruitment of teachers to Southern Nevada because we believe that education is the key to creating lasting prosperity for our children and our communities,” said Michael J. Brown, president of Barrick Gold U.S.A. “We thank the Teach For America teachers and alumni who are helping to create a brighter future for Nevada by supporting and inspiring our students every day.”

[Photos from Professional Development Orientation](#)

Photos from Teach For America’s professional development orientation for new teachers are available at this link courtesy of R&R Partners/Barrick Gold

About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities to expand educational opportunity for children facing the challenges of poverty. Founded in 1990, Teach For America recruits and develops a diverse corps of outstanding college graduates and professionals to make an initial two-year commitment to teach in high-need schools and become lifelong leaders in the effort to end educational inequity. Today, 8,600 corps members are teaching in 52 urban and rural regions across the country while more than 42,000 alumni work across sectors to ensure that all children have access to an excellent education. Teach For America is a proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Barrick Gold

Barrick is the world's leading gold producer, with operations on four continents. The company operates three gold mines in Nevada, providing more than 4,000 of the state's highest-paying jobs. Barrick is the state's largest foreign investor and is also Nevada's largest exporter. Barrick and its employees are active supporters of causes in education, the arts and other local community organizations in both Northern and Southern Nevada. In partnership with other Nevada businesses, Barrick Gold has taken a leadership role in working to establish best practices and promote corporate giving in Nevada through the Nevada Corporate Giving Council.

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