Dear Supporter of Inspired Teaching,

For 20 years, Center for Inspired Teaching has been building a better school experience for every child by training teachers to be *Instigators of Thought™*. Since 1995, Inspired Teaching has grown to challenge teachers, schools, and entire districts to embrace instruction that builds the Intellect, Inquiry, Imagination, and Integrity of every student. The teachers we have trained continue to advance the mission of Inspired Teaching in their schools and communities, ensuring our impact will expand exponentially over the next 20 years. We are proud to have celebrated this milestone anniversary with our teachers, students, and supporters over the past year.

Inspired Teacher Leaders contributed to major initiatives to transform instruction district-wide. Our cohort led the majority of science-based professional development for hundreds of their peers in DC Public Schools this school year. And by helping to develop and implement DCPS’s Cornerstones initiative, Inspired Teacher Leaders ensured thousands of students experience engaging lessons that build their skills as problem solvers, critical thinkers, and collaborators.

In a segment about best practices in supporting teachers, Learning World (a program of Euronews) spoke to Inspired Teaching Fellows trained at the Inspired Teaching Demonstration School. The school proves the great gains a diverse student body can make through our engagement-based approach to instruction. From the moment teachers enter the profession with us, through the Inspired Teacher Certification Program, not only do they learn to adopt this approach, they also learn to act as changemakers in the education landscape.

Beyond directly reaching students and teachers, our work serves as a model and a resource for others. Through a video series filmed by WETA Television and sponsored by the National Writing Project, educators can find ways to bring elements of Real World History into their own classrooms, connecting students’ learning to the realities of the economy and society of the 21st century. Real World History students truly engage in the practice of history in this unique, competency-based education program.

Our 20th anniversary was an opportunity to celebrate our teachers and our legacy. Jonathan Kozol became the inaugural recipient of the Inspired Teaching Changemaker Award at Chocolate Inspiration, our signature gala, for his work encouraging teachers to find their voices and bring powerful, joyful learning experiences to all students. We interviewed Inspired Teachers from across our 20-year history for an online series, revealing how their time with us has shifted their approach to teaching, strengthened their practice, and resulted in enduring benefits to their students, year after year.

Center for Inspired Teaching has touched the lives of thousands of teachers and tens of thousands of students. In June, we presented a bold new plan to change the school experience for many, many more. To support the implementation of our plan, Jane Dimyan Ehrenfeld is leading our efforts to deepen our work in DC and to enter new regions as Inspired Teaching’s new Executive Director; meanwhile, Aleta Margolis, as Founder and President, turns her focus to promoting our work and changing the national dialogue about teaching and learning.

Our vision of an Inspired Teacher for every student becomes more tangible with each passing day. We will not stop until this vision becomes a reality.

Aleta Margolis, President & Founder

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100% of 2014 and 2015 Inspired Teaching Fellows met the end-of-year program benchmarks in both the Emotional Support and Classroom Organization domains of the CLASS™ tool, which have been linked by research to student achievement and development.

“I’ve learned how to build on my natural abilities and skills and apply this to the classroom. The program has helped me become a confident, competent teacher. And honestly I never felt alone.”

-2015 Inspired Teaching Fellow
“Thank goodness we found Center for Inspired Teaching! We have the opportunity to change the world, each day in our classrooms, now and in the future. By inspiring our students, we Inspired Teaching Fellows have the power to influence generations of change.”

-Allie Morris & Richelle Chapman, 2015 Inspired Teaching Fellows

Learn more about Inspired Teaching’s work preparing new teachers for successful and sustainable careers as educators at www.inspiredteaching.org.
94% of participants reported that Inspired Teaching significantly helped them improve in teaching higher order thinking skills and in using engaging instructional strategies.

"As a result of Inspired Teaching’s training, my students will naturally become more excited to come to school. An inquiry-based approach to learning will allow students to develop an intrinsic motivation and value to learn. This will change their lives FOREVER!"

-2015 Inspired Teacher Leader

Strengthening Inservice Teachers
Throughout the DC Public Schools’ partnership, teachers reported that Inspired Teaching’s training had a positive influence on their practice. Additionally, DCPS teachers who participated improved their scores on CLASS evaluations.

Teachers reported that they would recommend the program to other schools. And the 400 teachers who participated in professional development led by Inspired Teacher Leaders in the 2015-2016 school year reported overwhelmingly that the PD met objectives and was high quality.

Inspired Teaching’s professional development programs have had a significant impact on the students and teachers of DCPS.

-Brian Pick,
Chief of Teaching and Learning,
District of Columbia Public Schools
Engaging Students in Real World History

Two Real World History Students won first place in the citywide National History Day competition, presenting oral histories based on interviews with elder African-American Washingtonians about their experiences of the Great Migration.

“The skills students gain through Real World History – critical thinking, complex problem solving, and collaboration – are foundational to their development as civically engaged citizens of the world.”

-Callie Hawkins, Associate Director for Programs, President Lincoln’s Cottage

“I definitely feel more prepared because I understand what it takes to be independent and successful.”

-2015 Real World History Student
Inspired Teaching Demonstration School was identified as a Top Performing Charter School based off of test scores in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), released in 2015. It was one of 24 schools that outperformed DC averages in both English Language Arts and Math.

Learn more about Inspired Teaching’s work modeling Inspired Teaching in action at www.inspiredteaching.org.
Celebrating 20 Years
1995-2015

“When Inspired Teaching first started, a few Inspired Teaching staff members came to my school and talked to us about the Inspired Teaching philosophy and all that’s possible when you teach outside the box. Listening to them, I thought, ‘This I what I want to do. This is what I’m passionate about.’ So I signed up immediately.”

-Benita Nelson-Tutt, 1996 Inspired Teaching Institute alumna & 30 year teaching veteran in DC Public Schools

“For my colleagues and me, Inspired Teaching pushed us to rethink our plans and consider ways to organize and move forward. The experience rejuvenated me and sent me back into the classroom in the fall with some new ideas.”

-Margaret Ricks, 2001 Inspired Teaching Institute alumna & founding teacher of The School within School at Goding

Learn more about Inspired Teaching’s growth and success over the years at www.inspiredteaching.org.
"My most important goal as a teacher has always been getting my students to be the ones doing the thinking, so Inspired Teaching’s Instigator of Thought framework really resonated with me. After Inspired Teaching, I’ve tried to move away from any type of lecture where students are only sitting and listening, and you can see the results in my class."

-Adam Evans,
2014 Teacher Leader &
social studies teacher and Department Chair,
Frank W. Ballou Senior High School

"Inspired Teaching is going to challenge you and make you feel uncomfortable, and that’s part of the process. It’s necessary. If you confront yourself, let yourself feel frustrated, and analyze and give yourself the chance to learn, then that’s how you grow as an educator. That’s how you learn how to reflect. That’s going to make your evaluation process more fruitful in the future, and Inspired Teachers do that constantly."

-Oscar Ramirez,
2003 Inspired Teaching Institute alumnus &
Director of Curriculum and Instruction,
The Next Step Public Charter School
20th anniversary celebration honoring author and activist

Jonathan Kozol with our Changemaker Award

“I’d like to take this opportunity to celebrate Center for Inspired Teaching for bringing dignity to teachers; joy and justice to their students; and a badly needed rebirth of jubilant vitality, healthy spontaneity, creativity, and sheer humanity and love back into our nation’s public schools.”

-Jonathan Kozol, Recipient of the inaugural Changemaker Award
### Support and Revenue

#### Contributions
- Foundations: $476,766
- Individuals and corporations: $52,311
- Government grants: $83,163
- Program Service Fees: $1,107,809
- Revenue -- Special events: $54,580
- Other income: $35,673

**Total Revenue and Other Support:** $1,810,302

### Expenses

#### Program Services
- Professional Development: $675,373
- Teacher Certification Program: $1,177,280

**Total Program Services:** $1,852,653

#### Supporting Services
- Development/fundraising: $120,289
- Management and general: $238,271

**Total Supporting Services:** $358,560

**Total Expenses:** $2,211,213

**Net Assets - beginning of year:** $1,588,281
**Net Assets - end of year:** $1,187,370

## Support & Revenue

- **Program Service Fees:** 61%
- **Individual Contributions, Foundation, Corporate & Government Grants:** 34%
- **Other Income:** 2%
- **Special Events:** 3%

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### Statement of Activities

**Year ending August 31, 2016**

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Amy Xue
Mary & Michael Young
Cynthia Baker & Jonathan Zeitler
“Capital One is proud to partner with Center for Inspired Teaching to train educators to teach 21st century skills and empower their students to be active citizens. By encouraging a child’s innate ability to be inquisitive and by engaging a child in critical thinking, we are helping more people get ready for tomorrow, starting today.”

-Naomi Smouha,
Senior Manager of Community Relations, Capital One
Center for Inspired Teaching is a 501(c)(3) organization building a better school experience for children by transforming the role of the teacher from information provider to Instigator of Thought.®