



where TEACHING is DIPLOMACY

Dear friends,

Last month, I received a letter from 8th graders Kyle Abraham and Dylan Schaller. Along with their letter was a check, the sum of which they had raised for WorldTeach. Driven by self-initiative, optimism, hope, and purpose, these two young boys crystallize WorldTeach's work. After all, for WorldTeach, teaching is the means by which people of different cultures and backgrounds are brought together; for us it is as much about global citizenship as it is about classroom instruction.

Thanks to **compassionate donors like you** and Kyle and Dylan's inspirational effort, we have been able to support our volunteers for the past 30 years, creating extraordinary experiences. Kristin Skvarla, a 1997 WorldTeach volunteer in rural village in Namibia described her experience as "a richly hued kaleidoscope of experiences and memories and emotions." Each year, Kristin's family foundation generously supports our work in Namibia.



As the new Executive Director of WorldTeach, I am excited about the energy of ideas that emanate from our field to the home office. Our field staff are genuine and capable, and good stewards of our resources. I am proud of the integrity they maintain for WorldTeach around the globe. Our home office team exemplifies the best any organization has to offer: versatile, dedicated, creative, and committed. And our volunteers, of course, are the heart and soul of this organization. They, after all, do the real work: bridging divides across global economic and political imbalances.

But the hero in all our work is you. **That is why I am writing you today.** We need *you* to support our work by providing current and future volunteers the opportunity to live and work in cultures far different than their own. You can help make so much happen at WorldTeach. **Your contribution plants the seeds of global citizenship.**

Teach on,

Dr. Mitra K. Shavarini
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