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## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL AWARDED TO TEACH FOR CANADA’S FOUNDERS**

TORONTO, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018—Teach For Canada humbly thanks the Governor General of Canada for awarding its founders—Adam Goldenberg, Kyle Hill, and Mark Podlasly—the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division). This award recognizes the accomplishments of the First Nations community members, teachers, students, board members, donors, volunteers, and the Teach For Canada staff who continue to work hard to increase the number of committed educators teaching First Nations students in the North. We particularly thank the 18 First Nations and the 108 teachers who have worked with us over the past three years. Together, we can make education more equal.

The full list of recipients can be found in the most recent edition of the Canada Gazette: [www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2018/2018-01-06/html/gh-rg-eng.html#hl2](http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2018/2018-01-06/html/gh-rg-eng.html#hl2).

### **About the Meritorious Service Medal**

According to the Governor General of Canada, the Civil Division recognizes a deed or an activity that has been performed in a highly professional manner, or according to a very high standard: often innovative, this deed or activity sets an example for others to follow, improves the quality of life of a community, and brings benefit or honour to Canada. For more information, visit <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=15210&lan=eng>

### **About Teach For Canada**

Teach For Canada is a non-profit organization that works with northern First Nations to recruit, prepare, and support committed teachers. Too often, teachers arrive in remote and First Nations without the preparation and support they need to succeed—and stay—in the classroom. The twin challenges of teacher supply and turnover compound historical injustices and systemic inequities to produce an education gap between First Nations and non-First Nations communities. Teach For Canada works with First Nations to begin to close that gap. For more information, visit [www.teachforcanada.ca](http://www.teachforcanada.ca).

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