

Teaching for Diversity grants 2001—2011

The Teaching for Diversity Program provides grants and scholarships to bring the therapeutic benefits of yoga to underserved populations such as ethnic minorities and those with social, economic, or physical challenges. Under this program, the Rachel Greene Memorial Fund awards grants to bring yoga into disadvantaged public schools.

Generous gifts from Kripalu donors have made these efforts possible.

The populations served through these grant awards are listed below by state and instructor's name.

Arizona

Pam Myers	Navajo Population
Batsheva Steinbeck	cancer survivors
Amy Weintraub	young women in detention centers
Kay Wiggins	children in disadvantaged schools
Gloria Williams	English as 2nd language population

Arkansas

Kay Wiggins	High School & Elementary School Kids
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California

Tehranian Azadeh	children in disadvantaged schools
Michael Bedzyk	youth at risk
Sarah Cassel	Spanish-speaking day laborers
Terri Cletro	youth at risk
Laura Cornell	youth at risk
Empowered Youth Initiative	youth at risk
Thomas Frierson	low-income families
Tcha'as Muter	youth in detention centers
Jessica Rose Somers	economically and socially challenged indigenous Mayan children
Victoria Swift Rutledge	high school students
Ed Tellis	low-income families
Brenda Chandler	incarcerate women in halfway house

Connecticut

Jane Bachand	alcohol and drug dependent people in rehab
Kat Barton	youth at risk
Melissa Barry	underserved children

Connecticut cont'd

Karyn Bennitt	homeless and mentally ill
Jennifer Buchholz	disadvantaged women reentering the workforce
Sonya Cyr	children in disadvantaged schools
Connie Dreyman	women in prison
Kathleen Gallagher	children in disadvantaged schools
Elizabeth Gibbs	disadvantaged youth
Nini Gridley	ethnic and social minorities
Patricia Heavren	minority substance abusers
Peggy Kenny	ethnic minorities and low income substance abuse
Karen Mack-Piacentini	low-income mothers and preschool children
Laura McEvoy	low-income families
Laura Magnussen	inner-city children
Patti Tower	female residents of homeless shelter

District of Columbia

Denise Alston	African-American adults
Lisa Bregman	disadvantaged elementary school kids
Kahlil M. Kuykendall	children in disadvantaged schools
Ifeoma Justina Nwokoye	pregnant, low-income women of color
Katie Thorton	youth at risk

Florida

Cindy Bigbie	children in disadvantaged schools
Susan Murphy	elders with physical disabilities
Sachi Wagner	inner-city children
Melinda Atkins	underserved children
Melinda Atkins	children in disadvantaged schools
Dawn Brooks	pregnant homeless teens

Georgia

Christina Johnson	Mexican Pop. of adult and youth students of the Xzilitle Comm.
Carolina Dear	residents at a domestic violence shelter

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Hawaii

Johanna Waters

women's shelter residents

Indiana

Mary Beth DiGann

Nikki Myers

minority children

people living with HIV and substance addictions

Illinois

Tonya Melendez

Jeremy Henkhaus

Debra Risberg

children in disadvantaged schools

juvenile delinquents

recovering addicts and alcoholics

Louisiana

Rebecca Kastl

children with brain injuries, CP, and autism in schools

Maine

Autumn Clark

Sally Clinton

Maria Cron

Sandy Cyrus

Elizabeth Goodale

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Connie Harter-Bagley

Beth Jones

Domenico Nucci

Hoa Tran

Terri Young

teens and adults with mental illness

women in prison

underserved, low-income, Spanish-speaking

homeless women

3rd graders in disadvantage schools

K-5 in disadvantage schools

youth at risk

women traumatized by domestic violence and abuse

children of illegal immigrants in Italy

children in disadvantaged schools

elderly seniors

Maryland

Patsy Felthausen

Emily Gretz

Cher Hunter

Tawanna Kane

Melissa Miner

Niisa Olander Morton

Kathy Quackenbush

Cecilia Shade

Audrey Shoomaker

Patty Zorzi

cancer survivors and caregivers

children in disadvantaged schools

women in prison

children in disadvantaged schools

young mothers who are socially and economically disadvantaged

children in disadvantaged schools

low income pregnant and parenting families with young children

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Massachusetts

Susan Amick	adults with cancer
Karen Arp-Sandel	children in disadvantaged schools
Julie Barnes	women in recovery
Paula B. Beaudin	abused women and their children
Anastasia Blaisdell	children in disadvantaged schools
Caroline Boyce	children in disadvantaged schools
Felice Brenner	Veterans
Vicki Brunelle	survivors of domestic violence
Bruce Callahan	children in disadvantaged schools
Jaqueline Carey	military families
Debbie Cohen	high school students in disadvantaged schools
Julie Corso	gay, bisexual, and transgender people
MJ Bindu Delekta	alcohol and drug dependant people in rehab
Linda Del Monte	girls in treatment center
Sandra Dennis	children in disadvantaged schools
Nana Dunn	physically and mentally challenged seniors
Nana Dunn	school teachers
Anna Dunwell	cancer patients
Anna Dunwell	minority women with cancer
Diane Dymek	homeless people in shelters
Amy Freeman	high school students
Rick Frank	adults with psychiatric disabilities
Eileen Frazier	children in disadvantage schools
Chaya Grossberg	trauma survivors
Jordan Grinstein	Spanish speaking employees at Kripalu Center
Mave Hitzenbuhler	diverse youth
Christine Hobin	youth at risk
Faith Jackson	children in disadvantaged schools
Deborah Kako	patients with substance abuse
Sat Kartar Kaur Khalsa	low-income children
Suzanne Kent	children in disadvantaged schools
Pat Lebau	Massachusetts Special Olympics
Sheila Magelhaes	Homeless and traumatized from tornado
Lauren Mayhew	Latino women
Megan McDonough	economically challenged adults
Susan McNamara	special-needs children
Robert Montgomery	young black men and their parents
Kim Moon	underserved youth
Peggy Morse	5 th graders in economically challenged area
Micah Mortali	children in disadvantaged schools
Wayne Nato	students at risk
Lori Newell	people living with HIV/AIDS
Dina Pasalis	workers at domestic violence shelter
Waterfall Deb Perry	psychiatric patients
Thomas Pasculli	underserved community in the hill town and farm community

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Massachusetts cont'd

Kate Pousont	flood victims in Shelburne Falls
Kate Pousont	children in disadvantaged schools
Michael Pulitzer	recovering addicts
Sally Reagan	low income mental health patients
Senta Reis	adolescent mothers living in an institutional setting
Senta Reis	children in disadvantaged schools
Jane Rosen	children in disadvantaged schools
Jane Rosen	students and faculty at title 1 school
Dhyana Sabella	homeless individuals and others are risk for homelessness
Liz Salomon	low-income women
Catherine Salvini	victims of domestic abuse
Bennett Seidman	survivors of childhood trauma
Heidi Shahbaz-Thomas	people living with HIV/AIDS
Carolyn Shields	adults with mental illness
Andrea Soler	Latino women
Jane Stopler	children in disadvantaged schools
Valerie Twomey	incarcerated women
MaryAnn Wenninger	low-income seniors
Donna Wingate	teenage mothers
Connie Wilson	child with ADD
Pam Worden	elderly bereaved

Michigan

Janet Crump	survivors of domestic violence
Claudia Mierau	youth in detention
Clifford Plantt	minority seniors
Tanya Thunberg	youth at risk
Lisa Gottlieb	minority and incarcerated youth

Minnesota

Julie Jordan	incarcerated youth
Betsy Ricker	children in disadvantaged schools
Mary E. Tellers	women at risk

Montana

Judith Shaw	victims of domestic violence
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Nebraska

Gerri Jardine	Inmates and offenders
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New Hampshire

Betsy Black	women in prison
Maddy Bottari Eaton	people with brain injuries
Shannon Collins	k-5 youth
Cynde Denson	homeless women
Debra Downing	youth at risk
Rachel Fridholm Drexinger	children with high functioning autism and asperger syndrome
Anna D. Friedler	survivors of domestic violence
Carole Gaudreau	title 1 school
Bob Gibbs	low-income seniors
Rochelle Jewell	homeless and expectant women
Deborah Levine	homeless people
Melissa Marsh	12-14 Year old girls in YWCA leadership program
Rebecca Marshall	male & female inmates
Sandra Pellerin	14 to 18-year-old teens
Josephine Russell	incarcerated men and women
Maggie Schneider	prison inmates
Michele Wilson	children with ADD and Autism

New Jersey

Joyce Benitiz	women in recovery
Gillian Eyde	children in disadvantaged schools
Joshua Melissari	socially, economically or physically challenged ethnic minorities
Andrea Sacchetti	male juvenile offenders ages 13-16
Susan Tudor	differently able young adults (21-25 yrs) and toddlers (18 mths - 3 yrs)
Marije Paternotte	children in disadvantaged schools

New Mexico

Sharon Williams	Navajo population
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New York

TK Aba-Kennedy	minority women
Karen Arp-Sandel	survivors of domestic violence
Belinda Baer	survivors of domestic violence
Jacoby Ballard	gay and transgender students
L. Barbour	patients with Parkinson's
Kara Billingham	patients physically challenged
Susan Blacker	children with autism
Jasmine Bobis	youth at risk
Deborah Bos	minority students
Marget Braun	cancer survivors
JoAnn Brown	men with substance abuse problems
Arcadia Caraballo	low-income minorities

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New York cont'd

Denise Craver	juvenile offenders
Joseph Dacus	African-American youth
Terry de la Vega	chemically dependent rehab patients
Margot Dengel	children in disadvantaged schools
Judith England	people living with HIV/AIDS
Bhavani Fountain	low-income seniors
Rachael Friedholm Drexinger	children with high-functioning autism and asperger syndrome
Vitalah Gayle Simon	people with chemical dependencies
Susan Genis	seniors
Twylla Gordon	low-income youth
Stan Grier	residents of center
Mina Hamilton	sweatshop workers
Abby Heijnen	ethnic minorities
Kathleen Hinge	youth at risk
Edith Jason	pregnant and parenting teens
Tawana Kane	low-income youth
Hellura Lyle	incarcerated teenage girls
Sarah Meredith	minority women living in a shelter
Allie Middleton	18+ y/o ethnic minorities, economically, or physically challenged
Catherine Moore	in-patients with mental illness
Lynne Ogren	youth at risk
Teresa Pellegrini	special education classes
Cleo Post	children in disadvantaged schools
Debra Quilter	frail elderly
Loria Raiola-Trapp	low-income adults
Carly Sachs	survivors of rape, assault, incest, abuse and domestic violence
Carly Sachs	veterans
Dina Scalone	psychiatrically and emotionally challenged adolescent girls
Wendy Stoddard	incarcerated males
Anne Taylor	women and teens living with HIV
Sarah Van't Hul	youth at risk
Debbie Verdon	youth at risk
Lori Wynters	migrant workers & Mexican-American children
Lori Wynters	low income single working mothers
Julie Zimmerman	at-risk AIDS patients, Haitian-Creole adults/seniors

North Carolina

Suzanne Cardinal	minority children
Christine Fantini	inner-city children

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Ohio

Dharmadas A. Conard
Shelly Chatterelli
Jean Farkas

men living with AIDS/HIV
children in disadvantaged schools
homeless women

Oregon

Ivy Ingram
Amarylis Fernandez
Hilary Mankofsky

cancer patients
men and women through the domestic violence resource center
low income and homeless w/addictions

Pennsylvania

Ann Friedenheim
Amanda Hoffman
Deborah Kelter
Rick Kinder
Susanlee Mascaro
Sarah Rogers
Holly Schick
Elaine Tassy
Kathleen A. Tooley
Rick Kinder

drug/alcohol addicted individuals of diverse populations
minority teens
youth at risk
youth at risk
adjudicated youth aged 10–18
homeless women
survivors of domestic violence
survivors of domestic violence
people with addictions
inner city youth at risk

Rhode Island

Abigail Jefferson
Karen Lee
Lizabeth Marsis
Claire McWilliams
Leanne Ovalles
Margarida Renzi
Sherrill Ryan

low-income preschool children
pregnant teens with substance addictions
teenage girls with substance addictions
people living with HIV and AIDS
Latin-American and Asian immigrants
women with disabilities
women in recovery from addiction

Utah

Deb Cole

incarcerated women

Vermont

Gaye Abbot
Sonia Cassani
Amy Enochs
Emily Garrett

survivors of domestic abuse
children in disadvantaged schools
children in disadvantaged schools
unemployed young men and women from low-income families

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Vermont cont'd

Lina Hanson	low income mothers and their babies
Jane Schaeffer	people with substance addictions
Lindsay Foreman	
Pauline (Peggy) Gardiner	low income senior citizens
Nicole Racicot	youth at risk

Virginia

Bonnie Griffin	youth at risk
Terry Flaherty	children in disadvantaged schools
Shakila Dotson	young women and addiction sufferers
Kalimaya Donna Goffin-Girasek	seniors and seniors with Alzheimer's and dementia

Washington

Ezra Descarfino	abused women
Imei Hsu	low income communities
Kathy Stevenson	Native Americans with diabetes
Nancy Ann Wilkinson	Department of Social Services shut-ins

West Virginia

Debora Mattingly	youth at risk
Boaz Ramos	youth at risk
Connie Wilson	children in disadvantaged schools

International

Belize

Rondine Twist 4-H and youth development

Cambodia

Ann Marie Larsen victims of acid burns

Dominican Republic

Victoria Santos families of the Dominican Republic

Ghana

Adesina Ongunelese people of Ghana

Japan

Toshiro Miura residents of Tokyo, Japan

Jamaica

Bonnie Banks poor sugar-cane farmers
Kimberly Moon youth workers

Mexico

Daurie Mangan-Dimuzio economically disadvantaged women

Montreal, Canada

Chantel Missen homeless populations
Suzanne Sylvere minority children

Nova Scotia, Canada

Julie Palmer low-income mothers with infants/toddlers

Ontario, Canada

Heather Greaves aboriginal youth
Beverly Hummitzsch minimum security prison inmates
Tiina Kiniven disadvantaged youth
Anne Marie Larsen doctors in Holguin, Cuba
Ina Levytsky seniors in rural areas
Colleen Sadler youth at risk, aboriginal teens

International cont'

Tanzania

Brenda deMartine

orphans and the staff at school

Uganda

Edonna Alexandria

socially and economically disadvantaged people in Uganda

Virgin Islands

Tanya McPherson

youth at risk