

About Teach For Lebanon And TFL-US

Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions. However, feel free to contact us directly with any other questions.

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Who is TFL?

The reality is that 51% of students in Lebanon will not graduate from high school. That percentage is higher outside of the main cities, and even higher in remote villages and underprivileged areas. This education gap has far-reaching consequences—not only for Lebanon’s youth, but Lebanon itself.

To address this serious problem, Teach For Lebanon (TFL) was founded in August of 2008 with the critical mission of making a quality education available to all children in Lebanon who would not otherwise have access to it.

TFL recruits and trains highly qualified, passionate and motivated Fellows from Lebanon’s best universities to teach for two years in some of the country’s most under-privileged schools. These Fellows not only have a direct impact on their students’ quality of education, but also have the capacity to become long-term leaders able to affect systemic change. Indeed, TFL’s vision is to “eliminate educational inequality in Lebanon while fostering youth leadership and promoting civic engagement.”

TFL has had two cohorts so far: the 2009-2010 consisted of 12 Fellows (and has just graduated) and the 2010-2011 which consists of 8 Fellows and has one more year to go. The Fellows have been assigned to 9 schools across Lebanon.

Since TFL’s first cohort placement in 2009, continuous support and development of the Fellows, in addition to constant measurement of their impact on student achievement and the school community, has produced results. Feedback from principals, non-TFL teachers, students, and their parents verify that the TFL teachers have significantly increased student motivation and performance. TFL is also garnering support from the community. Among other influential board members, the Presidents of both the American University of Beirut and the Lebanese American University sit on TFL’s Board of Trustees. AUB has established three scholarships reserved for TFL Fellows who meet its admissions criteria and additional scholarships are being discussed with other universities.

For more information, please go to www.teachforlebanon.org Among other things, you will be able to witness first hand TFL’s impact through a YouTube video.

Why should I invest in TFL? What makes it unique?

Although there are numerous opportunities to invest in education in Lebanon, TFL is unique in three ways:

1. It's a proven business model because it follows the highly successful Teach For America program and is partnered with Teach For All, which now encompasses 25 countries. For the record, TFL was number 9.
2. TFL's emphasis is on changing the learning environment rather than just perpetuating it. TFL trains and supports young and passionate teachers (Fellows) who become like big brothers and sisters for the students. TFL's emphasis on analytical and critical thinking also leads to greater student motivation and learning. Education extends to non-curricular activities such as music, acting, painting, science, etc.
3. The Fellows develop their leadership as well as civic capabilities, and become members of a group that can, over the long-term, have a profound impact on the quality of education in Lebanon.

Who is TFL-US?

TFL-US was established in early 2011 as a fund-raising arm for TFL in the US. It is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, making your gift tax deductible. Its board presently consists of four members:

- Ray Debbane based in NYC
- Abdallah Geahel based in Atlanta, GA
- Ghassan Saab based in Flint, MI
- Charbel Tagher based in NYC.

Its Development Director is Diane Kaldany. She can be reached at Diane.Kaldany@TFL-US.org.

More information is available at www.TFL-US.org

More questions?

We'll be happy to answer them. Please send an email to Charbel at Charbel.Tagher@TFL-US.org or to Diane at Diane.Kaldany@TFL-US.org

How do I contribute?

As a relatively new organization, TFL depends heavily on your contribution for its most fundamental needs. Your gift will go directly towards the Fellows' recruitment, training, development, support and compensation.

If you'd like to contribute, please make your check payable to: TFL-US, Incorporated

And mail to:
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