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Lilly Endowment Accepting Applications for 2014 Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program

INDIANAPOLIS – As the new school year gets underway, Lilly Endowment Inc. encourages Indiana schoolteachers, guidance counselors, media specialists, principals and assistant principals to dream big about how they'd like to spend the summer of 2014. The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, funded by the Endowment, will award 100 grants of \$10,000 each to help make these dreams a reality.

The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, now in its 27th year, provides funding for Indiana teachers and education professionals to pursue personally renewing, intellectually revitalizing and creative summer projects. Past fellowship recipients have explored national parks, studied Tajikistani language and culture, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, trained under a master woodworker, and photographed cathedrals in central Europe, among many other activities. Since the program began in 1987, more than 2,500 Indiana educators have received grants for a dizzying array of imaginative adventures.

The Teacher Creativity program is part of the Endowment's longstanding commitment to help Indiana become an even more appealing locale for seasoned teachers and other education professionals. "Teachers and education professionals have incredibly demanding jobs, and research shows that these jobs often have high turnover," said Sara B. Cobb, vice president for education at the Endowment.

"The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program is intended to help teachers and educators 'get away' and reinvigorate themselves. Fellows tell us that their experiences help them regain their enthusiasm for their profession and better engage their students."

Applications for the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program must be postmarked by Nov. 1. This competitive program is open to public and private K-12 licensed schoolteachers, principals and assistant principals, guidance counselors and media specialists with at least three years of professional experience. More information, including application procedures and grant-writing tips, can be found at www.teachercreativity.org.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family — J.K. Lilly Sr. and sons J.K. Jr. and Eli — through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, the Endowment is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana. More information can be found at www.lillyendowment.org.