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Lilly Endowment Accepting Applications for 2015 Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program

INDIANAPOLIS – The most inspiring teachers nurture dreams in their students. Now it is time for teachers and other K-12 educators to reach for their own dreams. Lilly Endowment Inc. invites Indiana schoolteachers, guidance counselors, media specialists, principals and assistant principals to apply for the 2015 Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program.

Funded by the Endowment, the program will award 100 grants of \$10,000 each for educators to pursue personally renewing and intellectually revitalizing projects during summer 2015. Applications must be postmarked by Nov. 3, 2014.

Previous fellowship recipients have studied volcanoes and marine life in Hawaii; learned landscape photography in Yosemite National Park; and explored Ethiopia's rich musical heritage, among many diverse experiences. Since the program began in 1987, more than 2,600 Indiana educators have renewed their commitment to teaching and learning through the fellowship grants.

The Teacher Creativity program is part of the Endowment's longstanding commitment to help Indiana educators experience personal and professional renewal.

“During the 28 years of the program we have seen teachers and other educators return to their schools refreshed and truly inspired,” said Sara B. Cobb, vice president for education at the Endowment. “This time away for renewal is more critical than ever given the growing pressures teachers face each day.”

“They have stretched themselves in new ways. Some have discovered new passions for the arts, diverse cultures, and international travel. Others have reconnected more deeply with their love of science, literature, history or any number of fields that inspired them to teach in the first place.”

Applications for the Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program must be postmarked by Nov. 3, 2014. 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.