



Cindy and Dan Edelman Establish Excellence in Teaching Fellowship for Duval County
Public and Charter School Teachers Will Create Their Dream Professional Development Experience

Jacksonville, Florida – September 12, 2019 —Philanthropists Cindy and Dan Edelman have established a fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida to provide professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers in the Duval County Public Schools. Dan Edelman initiated this permanent fund to honor his wife Cindy, an impassioned public education champion. The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship is intended to identify and reward excellence in teaching, and support a program of professional development or research. It will provide successful applicants up to \$6,500 per teacher or \$10,000 per teacher team to pursue career-enhancing strategies for professional educators.

“Great teachers share an incredible passion to elevate their practice so they can be more effective in the classroom,” noted Cindy Edelman, who is a retired art history educator. “With this fellowship, I hope we can open doors for these dedicated professionals to have the learning experience they seek to advance their craft and deliver even more impact for our students.”



THE CINDY EDELMAN
EXCELLENCE
in Teaching Fellowship

The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship will be administered by the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF). Cindy Edelman has been deeply involved with JPEF since its inception ten years ago, and she chaired its Board of Directors in 2012 and 2013. Edelman also chaired The Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees in 2010 and 2011 and helped lead the Foundation’s Quality Education for All Initiative, and its private philanthropy component, the Quality Education for All Fund.

“Investing in excellent education will always yield an invaluable return to our children and the entire community, and I could not be more grateful to the Edelmanns for this tremendous gift to our educators,” said Duval County Schools Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene. “Our teachers are our foundation. They are what keep Team Duval moving forward, and I know these fellowships will provide more fuel in our journey to becoming an A-district with outstanding student achievement.”

The prospect of a such a generous professional development opportunity was met with enthusiasm by the 2019 Florida Blue Duval County Teacher of the Year.

"When teachers are inspired to teach, students are inspired to learn," said Sarah Pasion. "The Edelman Fellowship is an incredible opportunity for public school teachers in Duval County to design their own learning experience and pursue their passions. I'm grateful to the Edelman family for their steadfast support of educators."

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Applications for The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship are open now—the deadline is January 10, 2020. Fellowships are available to full-time Duval County Public School and Duval County Charter School teachers in any subject area. Funds can be used for approved expenses for any learning experience that will help transform their classroom teaching and provide greater impact for their students. If selected, the grantee’s funds must be spent within one year of being awarded the grant. Please go to www.jaxpef.org/edelman for details and instructions on how to apply.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida (www.jaxcf.org), Florida’s oldest and one of its largest community foundations, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 55th year, the Foundation has assets of more than \$384 million and has made \$500 million in grants since 1964.

About The Jacksonville Public Education Fund

The Jacksonville Public Education Fund is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that believes in our diverse community’s collective power to ensure that every child walks into school with the same opportunity to succeed. We believe public schools in Duval County have made tremendous progress over the last ten years, but we cannot stop working until we close the opportunity gap for low-income students and students of color. We believe great people make great schools, so we invest in developing and equipping educators and parents with best practices in school quality.

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