Why Teach?

Remember the teacher who really made a difference for you? The teacher who . . .

- made school more enjoyable and interesting than you ever thought it could be?
- seemed to understand your quirkiness?
- took an interest in you when you really needed someone to care?
- helped you succeed when you didn’t think you could?
- didn’t give up on you when it seemed that everyone else had?
- inspired your love for a particular subject area?
- started you on a path you continue to this day?

Do you want to . . .

- do for your students what one of your teachers did for you?
- do for your students what you wish one of your teachers had done for you?
- make a difference in the life of a child?
- help to launch young people into the world?
- contribute to society and touch the future?

Teachers have many reasons for choosing to teach:

It’s a calling:
I feel that this is where I am meant to be.

It’s satisfying:
Teaching is more rewarding than I could ever say. I feel such satisfaction when I can make a child smile or share a young person’s pride in an accomplishment. That is all I need to carry on.

It’s challenging:
I like the intellectual challenge of teaching. There is room for me to be creative, and to explore my world both personally and professionally. And it’s different every day.

It’s important:
Teaching is a noble, even sacred, profession—and helping others to learn is one of the greatest gifts one can share.

It affects the future:
I want to make a contribution to schools and to society, and I think the best way to do so is to work from the inside out.