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LEVEL PLAYING FIELD INSTITUTE LAUNCHES THE FAIRNESS FUND

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (January 1, 2005) – In the spirit of acknowledging the innovative ways organizations are working towards fairness in their communities, Level Playing Field Institute established the Fairness Fund. Supported by a grant from the Mitchell Kapor Foundation, the Fairness Fund enables Level Playing Field Institute to provide small, one-time grants to organizations who share their commitment to fairness and inclusion in education and workplaces for underrepresented students/persons. “We recognize that achieving fairness is a big job, and that we cannot do it alone,” says Caroline Barlerin, Level Playing Field Institute’s Managing Director. “We are eager to help support valuable work and thinking beyond our walls.”

Evolved from their former grants program, the Fairness Fund allows Level Playing Field Institute to exercise its entrepreneurial spirit through proactive small-scale funding. Their goal of establishing the Fairness Fund is to be a resource for organizations committed to revealing and removing barriers to fairness. The Fairness Fund will strategically invest in projects that increase access to opportunities for underrepresented persons/students, and fund the development and dissemination of relevant toolkits, best practices, curriculums, etc. that continue to level the playing field.

The Fairness Fund allows Level Playing Field Institute the rare opportunity for a non-profit organization to both create and run programs of its own, and support other organizations doing great work in this important sector.

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Level Playing Field Institute is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote innovative approaches to fairness in higher education and workplaces by removing barriers to full participation. For more information and Fairness Fund guidelines, please visit www.lpfi.org.

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