

Great Source Teams Up with America SCORES to Provide Teacher Training for Afterschool Program

BOSTON — June 27, 2007 — Great Source, a division of Houghton Mifflin Company, today announced a new partnership with America SCORES, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing soccer, creative writing and service-learning to urban communities nationwide. Both organizations share a common goal: To ensure literacy for all students.

Through this unique partnership, Great Source will provide intensive workshops year-round at no cost to teachers who participate in the afterschool SCORES program. These workshops, designed specifically for America SCORES, will focus on research-based strategies to help improve students' writing skills.

"Great Source and America SCORES are well aligned in their missions," said Steve Tapp, president, Great Source. "I am pleased that we are able to offer high-quality teacher training to those educators who are committed both during the school day and afterschool to help close the achievement gap for our urban students."

"America SCORES is very pleased to be able to offer these top-notch professional development classes to our writing coaches," said America SCORES National Education Director Michelle Shedro. "Teachers and schools in the urban areas that our program serves often get overlooked when it comes to innovative resources, so I applaud Great Source for the service they are helping to provide to educators and children in these underserved communities."

The Great Source workshops launched in March in Atlanta, and are now available to teachers in all fifteen cities in which America SCORES has established programs. To learn more about these workshops, or for information on how to participate, please contact Peggy Hart, director of professional development, Great Source, at 978-661-7192.

About Great Source

Great Source publishes affordable, curriculum-based supplemental resources for students and teachers in grades pre-K through 12, as well as for parents and homeschoolers. With offerings in the core curriculum areas of reading, language arts, math and science, Great Source also publishes programs designed to meet specific initiatives such as summer school, afterschool, intervention, test prep and ESL. The company's Web site can be found at www.greatsource.com.

About Houghton Mifflin

Boston-based Houghton Mifflin Company is one of the leading educational publishers in the United States, with more than \$1.4 billion in sales. The Company publishes a comprehensive set of educational solutions, ranging from research-based textbook programs to instructional technology to standards-based assessments for elementary and secondary schools and colleges. The Company also publishes an extensive line of reference works and award-winning fiction and nonfiction for adults and young readers.

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About America SCORES

America SCORES is an innovative national youth development program that empowers students in urban communities through soccer, writing, creative expression and service-learning. With teamwork as a unifying value, we inspire youth to lead healthy lifestyles, be engaged students and become agents of positive change in their communities. America SCORES programs are located in 15 cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, New York, Oakland, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis and Washington, D.C.

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