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**THE MIND TRUST NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
EDUCATION ENTREPRENEUR FELLOWSHIP
-New Application Process Will Attract Even More Talented Entrepreneurs-**

Indianapolis, IN – The Mind Trust, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit supporting education innovation and entrepreneurship, is accepting applications for its Education Entrepreneur Fellowship with a new rolling application process. The Fellowship is a national incubator for transformative education ventures, attracting top entrepreneurial talent to Indianapolis to confront public education’s most vexing problems. With its new rolling application process, The Mind Trust will award Fellowships throughout the year, starting immediately.

“A rolling application process increases our ability to attract the most capable entrepreneurs from around the country to bring the most transformative ideas to Indianapolis,” said David Harris, President and CEO of The Mind Trust. “We look forward to receiving and reviewing new Fellowship applications right away so we can help new education entrepreneurs get started working in our city.”

Nationwide interest in the Education Entrepreneur Fellowship has been steadily growing over the past few years. In 2009, 405 people from 44 states and 20 countries applied for the Fellowship. The nationally unique Fellowship provides promising education entrepreneurs with the support they need to develop and launch their break-the-mold education ventures, specifically targeting underserved or disadvantaged children.

Fellows receive a \$90,000 annual salary and full benefits for two years to enable them to focus all of their energies on launching their initiatives as well as a \$20,000 start-up stipend.

The Fellowship application process begins with the Statement of Intent, a 2,000-word description of the applicant’s initiative and how he/she will use the Fellowship to develop (or further develop) and launch it. Select candidates are then invited to submit a more detailed Full Application and to interview before The Mind Trust’s Fellowship Selection Committee. To access the online application form, please visit The Mind Trust’s website at www.themindtrust.org.

The Mind Trust expects to award up to three Fellowships in 2010. Currently, there are six Education Entrepreneur Fellows leading innovative initiatives in Indianapolis and across the nation. For more information on the six Fellows and their work, please visit www.themindtrust.org.

About The Mind Trust

The Mind Trust is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to dramatically improve public education for underserved children by empowering education entrepreneurs to develop or expand transformative education initiatives. To achieve its mission, The Mind Trust has two strategies: (1) a *nationally unique* Education Entrepreneur Fellowship that serves as an incubator for transformative education ventures; and (2) a Venture Fund to recruit to Indianapolis the nation’s most successful entrepreneurial education initiatives. The Mind Trust has invested over \$3 million from its Venture Fund to successfully attract Teach For America, The New Teacher Project, College Summit and Diploma Plus to Indianapolis. *For more information about The Mind Trust, please visit www.themindtrust.org.*

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