

Our idea was that children—by writing, by putting down words, by reading, by beginning to love literature, by the inventiveness of listening to one another—could begin to understand the world better and to make a better world for themselves.

—Grace Paley, writer, poet, teacher, and co-founder of Teachers & Writers Collaborative

In 2017, Teachers & Writers Collaborative will turn fifty years old. That's *five decades* of educating the imagination of students, teachers, and writers!

Since 1967, T&W has provided programs for more than 760,000 students and more than 26,000 teachers in K–12 schools; published hundreds of issues of *Teachers & Writers Magazine*, covering issues and innovations in creative writing education and engaging writers, educators, and students in a conversation on the nature of creativity and the imagination; supported writing teachers and organizations across the US with resources that include more than 80 books on teaching writing and materials on the T&W website; and given thousands of writers the opportunity to share their passion for the art of writing.

T&W has experienced many changes in the last forty-six years. We've gone from transistor radios to iPods, Hippies to Generation Y, and long sideburns to fades. The things that will never change are our commitment to meeting the needs of our school partners, fostering young people's discovery of their voices as literary artists, and being part of the growing community of individuals and organizations offering creative writing opportunities for children and teens around the world. In the words of National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Walter Dean Myers, T&W "brings young people to art."

Please help T&W celebrate our first fifty years of inspiring young literary artists and get ready for the next fifty by supporting the T&W 50th Anniversary Campaign. To join us in this effort, complete and mail back the form below with your check payable to Teachers & Writers Collaborative or your credit card information; log on to our website at www.twc.org/support-tw/donate; or contact T&W Director Amy Swauger at (212) 691-6590, aswauger@twc.org.

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