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Living Classrooms Foundation strengthens communities and inspires young people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training, while using urban, natural, and maritime resources as “living classrooms”.

James Piper Bond is President and CEO of Living Classrooms Foundation, a non-profit educational organization that provides hands-on education and job training programs in challenging settings. Living Classrooms’ goal is to motivate and empower youth to learn by doing to succeed academically, in the work place and in their lives. The Foundation operates 35 programs that reach 25,000 youth and young adults per year, has an annual budget of \$16 million, employs 250-

400 people (depending on the season), and has a Board of Trustees made up of community and business leaders. The Foundation specializes in public-private partnerships that creatively connect hands-on education, job training, juvenile services, community service, and economic development to benefit the community at large.

Living Classrooms Foundation programs take place in Baltimore, Washington, DC, and throughout the region. Programming responds to a community need for intervention that supports the academic and social development of disadvantaged youth. At the heart of all of Living Classrooms' programming is the idea that hands-on learning techniques and motivational teaching methods inspire learning and lead to greater retention of information. Community revitalization, workforce development, and academic skills are more meaningful to participants when they are fully involved. Living Classrooms utilizes maritime settings, community work sites, environmental and recreation centers, and other challenging, real-world environments, and a low staff to student ratio. The programs emphasize the applied learning of academic, social, and employment skills. Key objectives of all Living Classrooms programs are career development, community service, elevating self-esteem, and fostering multicultural exchange.

Living Classrooms manages and operates diverse programs at 30 different campuses and facilities including one of Maryland's first charter schools - The Crossroads School (opened in 2002). In 2011, Living Classrooms was asked to be a "turnaround partner" for Baltimore City Public School and operate Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School. Other Living Classrooms sites include: The Living Classrooms UA House, Living Classrooms East Harbor Campus, Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park, USS *Constellation* and Historic Ships at the Inner Harbor, Friends of Fort McHenry, Patterson Park House Community Center, POWER House Community Center, Safe Streets violence prevention program, Masonville Environmental Center on the Patapsco River and Kingman Island Environmental Center on the Anacostia River. Living Classrooms also partners with over 300 schools and the Foundation also serves as a national model for innovative experience-based education and has been selected by the International Youth Foundation as their United States partner/model program.

Mr. Bond helps lead the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Boards of each Living Classrooms affiliate – Historic Ships in Baltimore, Friends of Fort McHenry, Living Classrooms of the National Capital Region, Baltimore Target Investment Zone. He is also active in the community as a board member for the Baltimore National Heritage Area Association (Co-Chair), Partnership for Baltimore's Waterfront Board (Executive Committee), and Gutierrez Memorial Fund (Advisory Committee member). He has also served on the State Department of Education Task Force on Dropout Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery; Governor's Task Force on Youth Citizenship and Violence Prevention; Baltimore City Career Connections Executive Board; Baltimore City Public School Alternative Schools & Programs Advisory Board (Chair); Baltimore's High School

Improvement Steering Committee; Mayor O'Malley's Workforce Development Committee; Inner Harbor Advisory Committee; Governor Ehrlich and Mayor Sheila Dixon's Transition Teams; Attorney General Gansler's Environmental Advisory Council; Governor O'Malley's Development and Sponsor Relations Committee; Matt Birk's HIKE Foundation (Executive Board); and the Star-Spangled 200, Inc., as part of the celebration and commemoration of the historical events of the War of 1812.

Awards and Recognitions:

- Baltimore Urban League, Whitney Moore Young, Jr. Award for outstanding community involvement with youth and support for equal opportunity in 1997
- Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Organization of the Year Award in 1999
- Baltimore Magazine "Baltimoreans of the Year" in 2000
- One of "Baltimore's Most Influential" by Baltimore Business Journal in 2001
- Andrew White Medal from Loyola College in 2003
- Mayor O'Malley presented Mr. Bond with the McKeldin Leadership Award from the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce in 2004
- Mr. Bond and the Foundation were awarded the Lewis Hines Award in 2006 as one of ten organizations across the country showing excellence in serving youth
- Citicorp Maryland State Department of Education Salute to Friends of Maryland Education Award
- Selected for the Aspen Institute forum on Institutional Racism and Racial Equity – 2007
- Selected by *The Daily Record* as one of the Influential Marylanders for 2008
- Selected by *The Gazette of Politics and Business* as one of the Power Players of 2010
- Selected by The Rotary Club of Woodlawn-Westview as a recipient of the 2010 "Service Above Self" Award
- Appointed by The Secretary of the Interior to the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council – 2011
- Selected by *The Daily Record* as one of the Influential Marylanders in philanthropy for 2011
- Mr. Bond and the Foundation's Executive Team were awarded the Baltimore SmartCEO CXO award – 2012
- Mr. Bond and the Foundation were awarded a 2013 Washingtonian Green Giant Award
- Mr. Bond was selected as an Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award Winner - 2013
- Mr. Bond was recognized by the Baltimore City Health Department with the Baltimore City Health Equity Leadership Award – 2016

Mr. Bond is a graduate of the Gilman School and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1982. He worked his way around the world gaining worldwide experience in outdoor education directing a maritime education program in Corsica, France, Ski patrol (pistard) in Switzerland, and

head lacrosse coach at Adelaide University, Australia. After sailing across the South Pacific, he returned to Baltimore in 1986 and became Director of the Maryland Conservation Corps Environmental Maritime program and began working with the **Lady Maryland* Foundation as a volunteer. Mr. Bond became the first full-time Foundation employee as Education Director in 1986. After developing and managing Living Classrooms' onboard education programs, he became the Foundation's Executive Director in 1989. In 1995 he was named President and CEO.

**Name was changed to Living Classrooms Foundation in 1992.*