As ReSET approaches a quarter century of service, we are very proud of what our volunteers have achieved in schools throughout the DC area, and optimistic about what the future holds for this year and beyond.

ReSET will deliver programs to six new schools this fall: John Ross Elementary (NW DC), Takoma Education Campus (NE DC), Graham Road Elementary (Falls Church, VA), Ludlow-Taylor Elementary (NE DC), Columbia Elementary (Annandale, VA), and Watkins Elementary (NE DC). In addition, new “ReSET Core School” partnerships will be established with Patterson and Malcolm X Elementary schools, and after-school programs will be initiated at Amidon, Malcolm X, and Ludlow-Taylor (all in DC), and Columbia in Northern Virginia.

ReSET will continue to enjoy partnerships forged last year with the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) and George Mason University. New alliances are being formed with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and a sister organization, LEGACY, Inc. In September Executive Director John Meagher participated in a NSBA Summit for parents, educators, and students at Howard University. In August, ReSET met with a Microsoft Community Development Specialist about Microsoft’s Partner of the Month program. Over the next six months ReSET will hold meetings and training events at the Microsoft store in Pentagon City as a way to drive community awareness of the ReSET program. In addition to the important visibility that the Microsoft name and store venue offers to area nonprofits, the company will provide teams of volunteers to work at ReSET schools (Microsoft employees are A Family Affair

There’s no such thing as too much togetherness for husband and wife Jorge Nunez and Sarah Staton, who will be volunteering as a team at Watkins Elementary School this fall, assisting teachers in generating a hands-on science curriculum. The couple will teach general science topics that inspire students to connect science to their daily lives. “We were pleasantly surprised by the school’s enthusiasm and eagerness for us to help with curriculum development.”

Jorge recently earned a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences, and is researching post-doctoral programs in the area. Sarah, who has a Ph.D. in Chemistry, is currently a doctoral fellow at the Naval Research Laboratory. It was Sarah who first heard of ReSET through an ad posted by the American Association for Women in Science. The two used to volunteer as a team at Sarah’s sister’s 4th-grade class in Missouri. They look at ReSET as a great opportunity to spend time together doing something positive. Asked what the advantages are to working together, they responded: “Being from various scientific backgrounds we can cover a variety of subjects. The main advantage is having fun together planning experiments, and then teaching them to students/teachers so that they can share in our enjoyment of science.”

Jorge and Sarah will have their first classroom session at the end of September.

Science Quiz Answer:

Google’s cell phone eyeglasses, featured at NY fashion week.
What new innovation has been called a "marriage of technology and fashion"?

...See inside for the answer.