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CAPTION: (left to right) CJ Kettler, President North America, Travelzoo; Travelzoo Foundation scholarship winners: Simon Hernandez, Eunice Cuevas, Anne Jean-Paul, Stephan Holness, Gregory Brown, Patrick Alston and David Clements, Executive Director, Travelzoo Foundation  
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### **TRAVELZOO FOUNDATION AND AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS JOIN FORCES Building Opportunities for Low-Income Students to Develop as Global Leaders**

**New York, New York, 12/6/07** – AFS Intercultural Programs/USA has announced a new partnership with the Travelzoo Foundation through a grant of \$100,000 in support of AFS international exchange scholarships for low-income students in several cities in the United States, Germany and Spain.

“The Travelzoo Foundation’s support of AFS’s global leadership and diversity efforts will make a profound impact in students’ lives,” said Margaret Crotty, President of AFS-USA. “It’s about using international educational travel as a vehicle for helping young people grow as leaders and gain new life skills and intercultural perspectives.”

“We are thrilled to be in partnership with AFS-USA and to support students who may not normally have the opportunity to travel,” said CJ Kettler, President, North America, Travelzoo. “AFS, the Travelzoo Foundation’s first-ever grantee, is a world leader in international education and we’re proud to be able to make a positive impact on the lives of students and their families around the world.”

Thanks to this new partnership, financially deserving high school students in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Barcelona and Munich will experience the world firsthand: as youth ambassadors abroad on educational exchanges. Through living, studying and volunteering internationally, these young people will learn foreign language skills, develop international friendships, and gain intercultural perspectives that will help them develop their potential as tomorrow's leaders, workers, thinkers, and innovators. Diversity and inclusion are a driving force behind AFS programs, and in the United States the organization operates a national Faces of America Youth Ambassadors Program in partnership with a consortium of youth-serving organizations working together to bridge opportunity gaps in international study abroad.

A partnership with AFS is a natural extension for Travelzoo with employees who live and work in the communities where the Foundation seeks to develop this unique scholarship collaboration. The alliance between the Travelzoo Foundation and AFS enjoyed celebrations on an international scale in November 2007 when groups of Travelzoo employees participated in scholarship launch events in Barcelona (11-23), New York (11-28), Munich (11-28), and Chicago (11-30). These events offered Travelzoo employees a chance to personally meet and interact with the nearly two dozen students who are the inaugural winners of the Travelzoo Foundation AFS Youth Ambassadors Scholarships for 2008.

#### Background on AFS Intercultural Programs and the Travelzoo Foundation:

AFS is global nonprofit organization that, for 60 years, has served as the leader in international education and exchange for high school students, young adults and educators. AFS programs stand for a worldwide community of thinkers—sponsors, schools, volunteers, families and youth-serving organizations—working together to help young people excel in our modern, interconnected world.

The Travelzoo Foundation is an initiative conceived by Travelzoo's employees worldwide to use travel to broaden the cross-cultural perspective of low-income students. Created in December 2006, the Foundation is an independent public charity whose mission is to improve the lives of disadvantaged individuals through the sponsorship of travel. Travelzoo is a global Internet media company. Travelzoo's media properties, which reach more than 12 million travel enthusiasts in the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong and the U.K. include the Travelzoo® Web site ([www.travelzoo.com](http://www.travelzoo.com)), the Top 20® list, the Newsflash™ email alert service and SuperSearch™, a travel search engine. Travelzoo publishes offers from more than 900 advertisers. Travelzoo's deal experts review each offer to find the best travel deals and confirm their true value. Travelzoo is headquartered in New York City.

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