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(Princeton, NJ and New York City, October 3rd): Princeton in Africa, celebrating 15 years of sending Fellows to Africa, announces its Annual Gala, to be held on Thursday, October 23rd at a private club in Manhattan. Princeton in Africa, an independent non-profit organization based in Princeton, NJ, develops young leaders committed to Africa's advancement. **Since it was founded in 1999, Princeton in Africa has sent nearly 400 Fellows to 35 countries to support dozens of inspiring host organizations across the continent.**

Each fall, Princeton in Africa gathers in New York City to celebrate its Fellows and the work they are doing in Africa. During our fall gala, outstanding individuals are also presented with the *Princeton in Africa Medal*. Over the years, there have been honorees from diverse fields – journalism, diplomacy, public service, international NGOs, and corporate America. While the honorees come from a variety of backgrounds, all *Princeton in Africa Medal* recipients share a commitment to the advancement of Africa.

This year, Princeton in Africa is honored to present the 2014 *Princeton in Africa Medal* to the Tierney Family. Paul, Susan, Trish, Matt and Michael Tierney are being recognized with the *Princeton in Africa Medal* for their:

- Volunteer and philanthropic work encouraging innovative, sustainable solutions across the African continent;
- Work to expand opportunities for African women;
- Efforts to bring investment and much-needed attention to companies and communities in sub-Saharan Africa; and
- Commitment as a family to the advancement of Africa.

Jim Robinson, President of the Princeton in Africa Board of Directors and father of a former Princeton in Africa Fellow, remarked, "Each of the Tierneys spent a formative period of time in Africa or Latin America and demonstrate how a year of service as a young adult, such as the fellowships offered by Princeton in Africa, can be life-changing. We are honored to be able to recognize the Tierneys' individual achievements and their remarkable commitment as a family to Africa."

In honor of celebrating 15 years of sending Fellows to Africa, the first-ever *Princeton in Africa Founders' Medal* will also be presented to three Princeton in Africa Founders at this year's event. The founders, Jim Floyd, PhD, George Hritz, and Frank Strasburger, are being recognized for their initiative in establishing an organization committed to service, their passion for developing young leaders, and their commitment to the advancement of Africa.

Princeton in Africa's Executive Director, Katie Henneman, commented with regard to the Princeton in Africa co-founders, "We are excited to celebrate the founders' vision in establishing Princeton in Africa and incredibly grateful for their service to Princeton in Africa over the past 15 years. It gives us great pleasure to honor them with this new award."

Princeton in Africa's yearlong fellowship program matches talented, hardworking, passionate college graduates with organizations on the ground to effect meaningful change in Africa. The program is open to graduating seniors and young alumni from any accredited college or university in the U.S. This fellowship year, 49 recent college graduates from 35 colleges/universities are working with 30 organizations in 15 African countries. To learn more about Princeton in Africa, please visit www.princetoninafrica.org