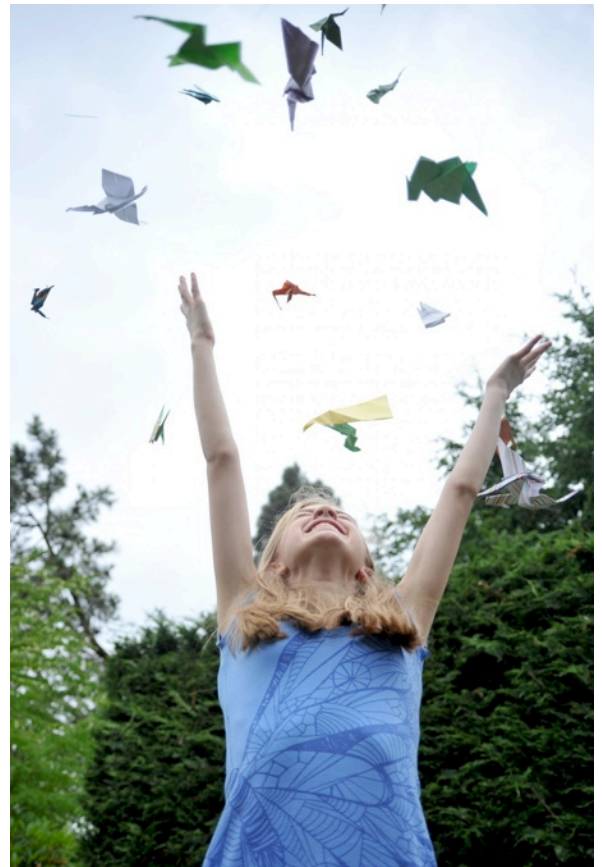


About Students Rebuild

Students Rebuild is a collaborative, nonprofit initiative of the Bezos Family Foundation that inspires young people to connect, learn, and take action on critical global issues.

Current Challenge: Students Rebuild with the One Million Bones project

On the heels of the astounding success of Paper Cranes for Japan, Students Rebuild partnered with the One Million Bones project to launch a new challenge to young people worldwide: take a stand against humanitarian crises by making a bone as part of a visual petition to cover the National Mall in Washington, D.C. with 1,000,000 handmade bones in 2013. In addition to raising awareness of ongoing mass atrocities, each handmade bone will generate \$1 for CARE's work to rebuild lives in Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, up to \$500,000. Meanwhile, live blogging and videoconferencing facilitated by the Global Nomads Group is connecting participants across the world with their Congolese peers at the ETN school in Goma, DRC, a direct beneficiary of CARE's funds.



Wings of hope by Leslie Stoner



Now, teams from Tohoku, Japan, to Tehran, Iran, and across the U.S. are hosting bone-making events and crafting handmade bones as a symbol of solidarity, connectedness and hope. This short video captures the spirit of the challenge through the 50,000 bone preview installation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, last August.

Since its genesis in January, 2010 in response to the devastating Haiti earthquake, Students Rebuild has mobilized thousands of young people in 38+ countries and

all 50 U.S. states, and raised more than \$1 million in matching funds for rebuilding schools in Haiti and youth facilities in Japan.



Impact at a Glance

The [Haiti Challenge](#) inspired creative fundraising to rebuild stronger, permanent Haiti schools post-earthquake. The result:

- 125 teams, including 3,400 students from nine countries, raised \$350,000 to rebuild five schools benefiting 2,000 Haitian students.
- Architecture for Humanity recently completed two of the five schools, including the beautiful [College Mixte Le Bon Berger, Montrouis](#), and the stunning [École La Dignité](#). All told, both schools will provide permanent learning space for nearly 500 learners.
- 1,800 youth across North America participated in 22 interactive videoconferences with their Haitian peers, facilitated by the Global Nomads Group. This powerful story of youth collaboration is captured in [the short film Youth in Action](#), to premier to the public on the second anniversary of the earthquake in January.

The [Paper Cranes for Japan challenge](#) asked kids to make and mail paper cranes to raise money for rebuilding youth centers in Japan after the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Our goal was 100,000 cranes, which would generate \$200,000 from the Bezos Family Foundation for Japan and become part of a permanent art installation. The result:

- An astounding two million paper cranes arrived from over 40 countries and every U.S. state, inspiring the foundation to double its gift to \$400,000. An additional anonymous gift of \$100,000 brings the total amount raised for Architecture for Humanity's rebuilding efforts in the Tohoku region of Japan to \$500,000.
- This inspired artist Vik Muniz to create a piece of original artwork using thousands of the cranes, which was featured in [The New York Times Magazine](#) and captured in our new [4-minute film](#) and produced as a benefit poster to further support Architecture for Humanity's rebuilding in Japan.
- The [100,000-crane installation](#) created by Tohoku University of Art and Design debuted in a three-day interactive event at the Sendai Train station in January, 2011.
- Funds are now supporting community-driven projects in small towns and fishing villages along the Tohoku coast with the least access to resources and government assistance.



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