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Building Tomorrow

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2007 Global Fellow

BIG BOLD IDEA

Create and nurture one-to-one partnerships between US-based colleges and communities in sub-Saharan Africa that will generate funds to build new schools and support strong educators in the partner African communities.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Today, over 42 million children in sub-Saharan Africa are not in school and thereby face an uncertain future. This is largely due to the fact that the government does not have the means to provide children with accessible schools; additionally, fees for uniforms, books, and transportation are prohibitively expensive for most African families. Building Tomorrow offers a sustainable solution by generating one-to-one partnerships between U.S.-based colleges and communities in sub-Saharan Africa. American students learn the value of philanthropy, cross-cultural partnerships, and social responsibility as they develop extensive campaigns to raise funds to build new schools and support strong educators in their partner African communities. College/university chapters develop long-term relationships with their partner communities in Africa as they work together on creating a locally-based education solution.

PERSONAL BIO

George Srour is co-founder and Chief Dreamer of Building Tomorrow, Inc. (BT). Under Srour's leadership, Building Tomorrow has constructed more than 80 schools with classroom space for over 25,000 students in Uganda and launched the Thriving Schools program, which is implemented by Building Tomorrow Fellows, of which 100 are in the field, serving over 400 rural primary schools throughout the country. Since 2014, Building Tomorrow has brought back to school more than 54,000 formerly out-of-school children—one child every 50 minutes for over five years. Through its construction and Thriving Schools work, Building Tomorrow reaches over 125,000 students daily. Srour graduated from the College of William and Mary with a concentration in government and international relations. Srour has been recognized for his work in the field of social entrepreneurship by being named a 2007 Echoing Green Fellow, a member of the GOOD100, one of Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30, and winner of the International Center of Indiana's Global Impression Award.

Issue area

Poverty Alleviation Economic Development

Organization/Fellow Location

Indianapolis, United States

Impact Location

Africa

Uganda

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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