

buildOn Chicago

Every day, buildOn is breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service and education.



Throughout Chicago, hundreds of thousands of high school students are at risk of dropping out of school and engaging in unsafe activities. buildOn's Afterschool Program develops a deep culture of service within Chicago schools to increase civic and academic engagement among youth.

buildOn engages nearly 4,000 students weekly in 151 Afterschool Programs in six US regions: Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; New York City; Oakland/San Francisco, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Southwestern Connecticut. buildOn launched its afterschool service programs in Chicago in 2005. Currently, buildOn runs **30 afterschool service programs** in Chicago High Schools. Through our programs, Chicago students contributed nearly **165,542** hours of service.

We accomplish this through three core activities

Service: Urban youth in buildOn's Afterschool Service Programs contribute intensive service to their communities on a weekly basis – helping the homeless, young children and senior citizens in need.

Education: Through buildOn service-learning, post-service reflection, and global education curriculum, program members develop an understanding of issues facing their local and global communities.

Building Schools: Program members work side-by-side with villagers to construct schools in some of the poorest countries on the planet. This experience gives students a deep appreciation for their own educational opportunities, while helping them realize that they have the power to change the world.

94% H.S. SENIORS IN BUILDON GRADUATE AND GO ON TO COLLEGE

165,542 HOURS OF SERVICE BY CHICAGO YOUTH

14,394 HOURS SERVED IN 2012-2013

30 PROGRAMS IN CHICAGO

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY HAS DEFINED A CAUSAL LINK BETWEEN buildOn PROGRAMS AND IMPROVED ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

A 2010 study by Brandeis University identified the following outcomes for buildOn program members:

- Improved academic engagement and attendance
- Belief in one's ability to effect change
- Empowerment – students regain control over their lives
- Hope – an expanded sense of possibility

Gun Violence Survivor Finds Hope in Service with buildOn



Alejandro Garcia was shot by “gangbangers” one night while walking home in his neighborhood, Chicago’s Albany Park, in 2010. People from a nearby house ran over to him, called 911 and assured him that everything was going to be okay. After a year he was able to walk again – and a seed was planted inside him; he wanted to give something back to society, like so many of the doctors who helped him and the neighbors who came to his rescue. That seed

grew with buildOn. “I feel like I was put here for a reason, and everything I have been through is no coincidence. buildOn opened my eyes to how I see the world, I feel there is endless possibility of what I can do.”

“My homelessness during high school was a dark time in my life, and buildOn helped motivate me to keep pushing onward. To focus on the issues people endure daily across the globe made my problems seem insignificant and my blessing so bountiful.”

— Amanda Perez, buildOn alumna

Teza Technologies Raises \$235K for buildOn



Chicago based Teza Technologies matched donations dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$100,000 that went to fund afterschool programs in Chicago and the

construction of three schools in Malawi, Africa. “At Teza, we believe everyone deserves a chance at a quality education, and that is why we are proud to support buildOn’s programs,” said Misha Malyshev, CEO of Teza Technologies. “Whether creating afterschool activities in Chicago or building the schools themselves in East Africa, buildOn has an unparalleled record of helping young people achieve academic success.”

buildOn Partner Schools 2012-2013

- ACE Tech Charter High School
- Benito Juarez Community Academy
- Carl Schurz High School**
- Charles Prosser Career Academy*
- Dunbar Vocational Career Academy
- Gage Park High School*
- John Hancock College Preparatory High School*
- John M Harlan Community Academy
- Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School*
- Michele Clark Magnet High School
- Nicholas Senn High School
- Orr Academy High School
- Phoenix Military Academy*
- Roald Amundsen High School*
- Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy*
- Theodore Roosevelt High School*
- Uplift Community High School

* Two programs in one school.

** Six programs in one school.

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Every 26 seconds a student in the US drops out of school. Help us to confront the dropout crisis at [buildOn.org](http://buildon.org)