



20 YEARS

Heart of America.

GIVING COMMUNITIES
SPACE TO GROW



Since 1997, Heart of America has transformed spaces into modern learning environments and has provided resources so students and communities can learn and grow. During this time, we have served more than **two million students** by distributing **4.1 million books**, providing **technology valued at more than \$4.5 million**, and transforming more than **770 educational spaces** across the United States and Puerto Rico. Heart of America has done this by mobilizing 500,000 volunteers who spread a culture of compassion as they help improve their communities.

Creating Vibrant Learning Environments

We transform learning by designing spaces that are modern, vibrant, and professionally constructed. These spaces include: libraries, classrooms, gymnasiums, athletic rooms, tech labs, cafeterias, wellness rooms, parent or teacher resource spaces, and much more.

Our programs also provide new technology, based on a school or community center's specific needs, including computers, e-readers, notebooks, tablets, and interactive whiteboards.

Schools and students receive new, age-appropriate books to replenish school, classroom and home libraries. At many book distribution events, staff and volunteers read to students and reinforce the positive outcomes of giving back to their community.

With our partners, we provide educational resources and tools to ensure students get the most out of their redesigned environments. To sustain the long-term impact, we rigorously screen and select sites that demonstrate both a need and a commitment to the vibrant learning environment.

At least
\$270 BILLION
is needed to modernize
and maintain schools
in the U.S.

Government
spending
on school
maintenance
has been cut
in half from
2000-2008
averages



61% of low-income
families have no books
at all in their homes



7 OUT OF 10
fourth graders cannot
read at grade level

Only **62%** of people
in households making
less than \$30,000 a year
used the internet*

*according to the 2012 Pew Report
"Digital Differences."

Making a Difference

"The Heart of America Foundation is making a wonderful difference! A special thanks for seeing critical needs and finding innovative ways to fill them. These acts and the many others you perform are restoring hope in the lives of children throughout the country. By giving children an opportunity to be leaders and givers, you reveal the compassion and community spirit that truly is the heart of America."

Laura Bush
Former First Lady of the United States

"Having a dedicated space for access to advanced technology and a space where students feel empowered to engage in high-level problem-solving is critical for student development in the 21st century."

Michael Stone
Public Education Foundation

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