



The charities we assist do exceptional work to improve lives and better our communities. EAPD's Tax-Exempt Organizations practice is proud to spotlight the work of these charities in our Philanthropic Focus series. For more information about our clients and our practice visit [eapdTaxExemptLaw.com](http://eapdTaxExemptLaw.com).



*buildOn program members from the US do service in their own communities and build schools around the world.*

buildOn is breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service and education every day. We recognize the global need for empowerment shared by at-risk students in urban high schools and villagers in the most remote and impoverished areas in the world.

Over the last 20 years buildOn has developed afterschool programs in 118 high schools in Detroit, Philly, Chicago, Oakland and San Francisco. We've additionally built 400 schools in ten countries and are now working in Mali, Malawi, Senegal, Haiti, Nicaragua and Nepal. These efforts in the US and around the world ignite the limitless potential of people to change lives and transform their communities.

Our afterschool programs directly engage high school students from the United States' toughest districts to improve their lives and communities through weekly service projects. And our school construction programs bring literacy to some of the most isolated and poverty stricken regions in the world, empowering villagers to take the first steps out of extreme poverty. We also provide opportunities for these groups to support one another - every year students from our afterschool programs participate in a Trek for Knowledge, an immersive journey where they live and work side-by-side with communities in developing nations to build a schoolhouse.

buildOn students in the U.S. have contributed over 700,000 hours of community service, which has in turn promoted confidence, communication skills, and achievement. 95% of buildOn students have gone to college, and a 2010 study by Brandeis University identified academic engagement, mentoring and hope as program outcomes. Our 400 schools worldwide educate over 56,000 men, women, and children everyday.

To learn more about buildOn, visit [buildOn.org](http://buildOn.org) or our blog, [buildOnFromTheField.org](http://buildOnFromTheField.org), where we post daily stories from our program coordinators and in-house experts. You can also read about how you can support buildOn at our Get Involved page on [buildOn.org](http://buildOn.org) where you can register as a volunteer directly from our website!

For further information and to learn how you can get involved,  
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