



## STUDENTS REBUILD UPDATE - November, 2011

**Milestone alert!** Thanks to the creative fundraising of our *Students Rebuild: Haiti* teams, we proudly announce the completion of the first Students Rebuild school to open its doors: [École La Dignité](#)! Keep reading for details (including photos, video clips and more on the opening festival).

This triumph shows the power of your CREATIVITY in ACTION—whether you’ve joined our latest bone-making challenge, folded paper cranes for Japan or “rocked the rebuild” for Haiti. YOU are making a difference to rebuild communities and lives.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we thank each of you for making Students Rebuild a soaring success. As you’ll see below, we have much to celebrate!

### **Somalia & the Democratic Republic of Congo Update**

Since we’ve launched our latest challenge, [A Path Forward](#), we’ve received an outpouring of support from Rebuilders new and returning alike. Here are the highlights:

- **Who’s making bones?** [Mara Magyarosi](#) of Detroit, Michigan inspired 18 classes at a local school to take the challenge through a three-day bone-making event!
- **Announcing Somalia Awareness Week!** Each day this week (Nov. 14-17) we offer quick facts, action items and ways to get others involved. Check out the [Learning in Action Toolkit](#), and follow the quippy convo on [Twitter](#).
- **Live updates from the DRC:** Each Monday, follow Grace and the Global Nomads gang as they [chronicle their visit](#) to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).
- **Blogging on Somalia:** On Thursdays, be sure to catch [exclusive blog posts](#) from Rick Perera, our eyes and ears on the ground in Somalia.

## Japan Update

- **Art installation in Japan takes shape!** Check out the [breathtaking paper crane sculpture](#) in the works! First stop: the foyer of the Sendai train station...
- **How have your paper cranes supported rebuilding efforts?** Follow Architecture for Humanity's new Japan Rebuilds [progress tracker](#)!
- **Posters in the mail! Is yours?** Vik Muniz's Giant Paper Crane posters make for a heartfelt gift—[learn more and order yours](#) today.

## Haiti Update

**YOU are amazing!** A huge thanks to our first Rebuilders, who have cause to celebrate as École La Dignité school opens its doors to Haitian students.

- **Read about the [opening ceremony](#)** at Dignité by visiting the Haiti blog
- **View [photos](#)** from the festival

Meanwhile, construction continues at four other Students Rebuild school sites in Haiti! Be sure to catch this month's construction update to [see the latest](#).

## Connect!

For daily challenge updates, compelling conversation about how to get more involved, and access to the latest from our globetrotting staff and partners, be sure to 'like' [our Facebook page](#)! Prefer getting news through a room full of chatter? [We've been tweeting](#). Let us know you're a fan!

Cheers,

The Students Rebuild team

## **Links – Students Rebuild – November 2011**

École La Dignité opens! - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1993/dignit%C3%A9s-grand-opening.html>

A Path Forward - <http://studentsrebuild.org/humanitarian-crises-path-forward>

Mara Magyarosi - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1994/one-rebuilder-galvanizes-world-of-support.html>

Learning in Action Toolkit - <http://studentsrebuild.org/somalia-awareness-week>

GNG in DRC - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1990/democratic-republic-of-congo.html>

CARE's Rick Perera in Somalia - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1989/introducing-rick-perera.html>

Paper Crane Sculpture -

[http://openarchitecturenetwork.org/projects/paper\\_crane\\_sculpture](http://openarchitecturenetwork.org/projects/paper_crane_sculpture)

Japan Rebuilds project tracker - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1998/introducing-japan-rebuilds-project-tracker.html>

Paper Crane Poster page - <http://studentsrebuild.org/japan/benefit-poster>

Students Rebuild Haiti, November - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1996/haiti-schools-update-november-10.html>

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