



STUDENTS REBUILD UPDATE - December 15, 2011

Seasons Greetings, Rebuilders!

What an incredible year it's been at Students Rebuild! In anticipation of another great year of accomplishments, we've compiled Top Three lists of Best Moments for each of our challenges, and snuck in a breaking announcement -- all of which YOU made possible. We suggest you get a mug of hot cocoa and savor these with us.

Top 3 **Paper Cranes for Japan** Challenge Moments of 2011



1. World-famous artist Vik Muniz, inspired by your millions of cranes, created an original work of art **that has been captured in this [five minute short film](#)**. See inside Vik's studio and get a behind-the-scenes peek using time-lapse photography of the work's creation. Discover what moved Vik! And remember, the piece is [now on sale in poster form](#), a terrific <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1845/artist-vik-muniz-joins-paper-cranes-japan-snapshot.html> good-cause holiday gift! *100% of proceeds support Architecture for Humanity's work in Japan - place your order today!*



2. [The 100,000 cranes arrive in Japan](#) - The art installation takes shape. After months of planning and contributions from thousands of people, classrooms and teams, the dream of a [beautiful international crane sculpture](#) for Tohoku is becoming a reality. See the final product take shape, and **be ready for the official unveiling** on January 9, 2012.



3. [The third day of crane inundation](#) - Also known as the tipping point. Remember April, when you began shipping us boxes? Well, paper cranes just kept coming: twice as many each day. We hired crane counters, we rented dollies, and on the third day we rented a moving truck. Soon we had cranes from 38 countries and all 50 United States, and they came with [heartfelt letters of hope and healing](#).

Top 3 **Haiti** Challenge Moments of 2011



1. [Two schools open within weeks of each other](#) - [Montrouis](#) and [Dignité](#), two of the five Students Rebuild-supported schools in Haiti opened this fall, and hundreds of children are starting class anew in "the most beautiful schools in the country." We couldn't be more grateful for everyone's involvement.



2. [100-way tie: Disco, Penny wars, Rock concerts, Tee shirts, Raffles, Bake sales...](#) - your success stories. Everyone responding to the disaster by learning about Haiti and getting involved raising funds for the schools now under construction...wow. This is why we get up in the morning.



3. [Elie Dubois folds cranes for Japan](#) - Haitians and Japanese don't share that much in common, culturally, but disasters affect everyone equally. When this year's earthquake and tsunami hit Japan, students in Haiti completely understood and, with a little help from our ground team, made a very special contribution to [Paper Cranes for Japan](#).

Top 3 **Humanitarian Crises** Challenge Moments of 2011



1. [The launch](#) - From deep poverty and famine to war and conflict, we all wonder what we can do to end humanitarian conflict and make the world a better place. Students Rebuild launched [A Path Forward](#) to provide young people with an opportunity to take a collective stand against humanitarian crises. We are wowed by all the young people across the world finding ways, big or small, to make a real difference.



2. [Young leaders build A Path Forward](#) - Mara Magyarosi of Detroit, Michigan, inspired 19 classes at a local school to take the current challenge. At her three-day bone making event, students shared nearly 2,000 hand crafted bones through spoken word and other performance art!

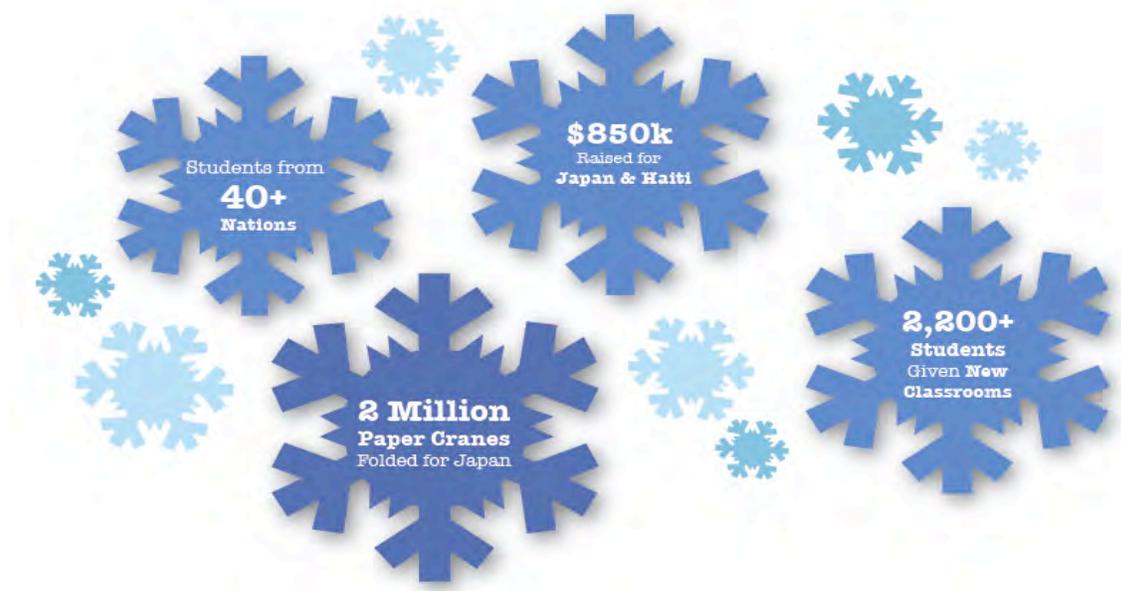


3. Powerful, in-depth information you won't get anywhere else - We've [experienced Dadaab Refugee Camp](#) in Kenya through the eyes of our guest bloggers Rick Perera and Nikki Clark, as they work directly with thousands of displaced Somalis. Through [Somalia Awareness Week](#), we had the rare opportunity to delve deeper into the issues of drought and famine in the Horn of Africa, then reflect and find a way to take action. And, in preparation for a new series of interactive video conferences between students in the DRC and the United States, Students Rebuild's own Grace Lau [kept us linked](#) to the sights, sounds and smiles of the Congo.

Join the New Challenge

Inspired to make a difference? Join a global movement of youth taking a stand against humanitarian crises in Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo - join our current challenge, [A Path Forward](#). All proceeds raised during the open challenge will support CARE International's humanitarian work in Africa.

A World of Difference - By the Numbers



Connect

...And this was only a teaser! 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](#). Learn more and stay connected.

Thanks all - have a Happy New Year!!

The Students Rebuild team

Links – Students Rebuild – December 2011

Paper Cranes for Japan film - <http://studentsrebuild.org/watch-paper-cranes-japan-film>

PC4J Benefit Poster - <http://studentsrebuild.org/japan/benefit-poster>

100,000 cranes arrive in Japan - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/2011/five-more-weeks-left.html>

Japan Projects In Action - <http://studentsrebuild.org/japan/projects-in-action>

The Third Day of Crane Inundation - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1782/one-million-cranes-arrive.html>

PC4J Blog - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/2>

Haiti Projects in Action - <http://studentsrebuild.org/haiti/projects-in-action>

Montrouis School toasts future - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/2033/montrouis-school-toasts-future.html>

Dignité school grand opening - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1993/dignit%C3%A9s-grand-opening.html>

Students Rebuild success stories - <http://studentsrebuild.org/success-stories>

Elie Dubois folds cranes for Japan - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1764/origami-accompanies-elie-dubois-school-dedication.html>

A Path Forward launch - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1959/path-forward.html>

Mara Magyarosi galvanizes support in Detroit -

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

Young Leaders Build a Path Forward - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/1994/one-rebuilder-galvanizes-world-of-support.html>

Beauty of Dadaab - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/2003/beauty-of-dadaab.html>

Somalia Awareness Week - <http://studentsrebuild.org/somalia-awareness-week>

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

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