



Students Rebuild – January 2013 Celebrating Success & Moving Forward

Happy New Year, Student Rebuilders!

We begin 2013 reflecting on the impending January 12 anniversary of the Haiti earthquake and the March 11 anniversary of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. We also celebrate the work of rebuilding and hope in the wake of those events—see the last two sections of our newsletter for updates.

We also begin the New Year with excitement about the culmination of the One Million Bones challenge this June in Washington, D.C.—when we'll cover the National Mall with 1,000,000 handmade bones!

To greet 2013, let's take a moment to celebrate the Best Students Rebuild Challenge Moments of 2012 and to recommit ourselves to a brand new year of work and progress. Thank you for continuing to connect, learn and take action on critical global issues!

Top 6 **One Million Bones** Challenge Moments of 2012



- **Road to Washington / National Mall Dates:** On our April 28 Day of Action, thousands participated in [simultaneous mini-bone installations in 35 state Capitols](#) across

the country. Participants learned about humanitarian crises and laid bones on Capitol lawns and campus commons from Juneau, Alaska to Providence, Rhode Island and from Sacramento to Tallahassee. These mini-installations have set the stage for June 8 – 10, 2013—the massive installation on the National Mall. Currently, we've reached 450,000 bones and more than 560 teams in 18 countries and 49 U.S. states and Washington, D.C. have [signed up for the challenge](#) (Hawaii, we need you!); Click [here](#) if you'd like to sign up to volunteer at the National Mall event!

- **New Orleans:** NOLA volunteers showed their overwhelming support of the challenge with a 50,000 bone laying on [April 7 in Congo Square](#) and a 10,000 bone laying on [November 1, Day of the Dead](#). Be sure to check out and share the [compelling video](#) of the Congo Square event.
 - **State Coordinators:** In collaboration with the Students Rebuild Challenge, [One Million Bones](#) began recruiting State Coordinators from all over the country this August. More than 44 Coordinators on the ground in 37 states and Washington, D.C. raised awareness and bone making in their local communities. Jamie Lish of Idaho was the first State Coordinator to reach—and blow past—her goal of 7,000 bones—she brought in 10,000! Read [our blog](#) to meet more of our State Coordinators.
 - **On Tour!** October through December, Students Rebuild On Tour! brought more than 30 educational presentations and workshops to hundreds of students across the [Northeast](#). From New York City to Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, students learned about humanitarian crises and made more than 12,000 handmade bones. Next stop—[the West Coast!](#)
 - **Museum of Tolerance:** On October 14 and 15, Students Rebuild [partners](#) joined forces with the Los Angeles Museum of Tolerance and [ThinkPeace Workshop for Girls](#) to host a [two-day event](#) for community members. The event featured actress and Students Rebuild Ambassador, [Annabeth Gish](#), an [interactive videoconference](#) between Congolese and U.S. students and generated 1,000 bones!
 - **Connecting to the Field:** [Pauline Zerla](#) helped Students Rebuild maintain a presence on the ground in Eastern Congo for several months and she also [reported from Somalia!](#) At the [ETN vocational school](#) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), she provided media literacy training to students like [Abigael](#), who are working to become change makers of their local and global communities. With the funds generated through the One Million Bones challenge, [CARE](#) began work to increase access to life skills training, income generating activities and community-managed financial services for 75 conflict-affected youth in the DRC. In Somalia, CARE began work to support the [Somali Youth Leaders Initiative](#) to increase education, economic and civic participation opportunities for at least 905 Somali youth. Last but not least, Students Rebuild directly connected 15 U.S. schools directly with their peers in Somalia and the DRC through [interactive videoconferencing](#). Register [here](#) to participate in an IVC this spring!
-

Top 3 **Paper Cranes for Japan** Challenge Moments of 2012



- **Crane sculpture unveiling:** 2012 kicked off with [a student-designed and -built symbol of solidarity](#) where in fact tens of thousands of students from around the world lent a hand...or a crane...or 100,000 of 2 million cranes collected following Tohoku's 2011 earthquake. Sendai Station was the first location to exhibit this fantastic collaboration.
 - **Kitakami's "Topping Out" ceremony & video:** Architecture for Humanity's Japan team brings us a real treat [reporting the second of three traditional construction ceremonies](#) for the Kitakami We-Are-One Market and Youth Center (narrowly beating out [the Center's groundbreaking](#), and its [Christmas Day completion](#)). The Center is set to open, with a third and final ceremony, later this month!
 - **Ishinomaki Playground Review with University of Cincinnati:** Graduate students from this leading design school made connections with the tsunami-stricken city of Ishinomaki and assigned themselves a competition to design and build a playground and memorial park, the first drafts of which Architecture for Humanity [had the pleasure to critique](#). Better still - the studio [is moving forward](#) with its Japanese partnership, and Ishinomaki city officials are poised to select a winning design. All the best to that great class makin' it hap'n - we'll keep you posted.
-

Top 3 **Haiti** Challenge Moments of 2012



- **Montrouis school ribbon cutting:** The Montrouis school was a project that just kept getting better and better as we watched it go, with the colorful coup de grâce delighting its followers in the last weeks of construction. The school's ribbon cutting [was a great day](#), and Montrouis has seen a 25% enrollment increase and national acclaim in the months following. All thanks to you, student rebuilders.

- **A Story of Youth in Action:** Global Nomads Group recaps in 30 minutes the story of Haiti and her students, and their internationally collaborative effort to rebuild, [more than two years in the making](#). Meet (or re-meet) young Diandine, her peers in concerned classrooms around the world, and architects like Stacey McMahan working in Haiti to make a difference.
 - **Elie girls graduate in new cafeteria!:** A follow-up to the film, Architecture for Humanity visited the campus of Elie Dubois on July 14 - [Bastille Day and Day of Commencement](#) for the girls we've worked with these past years. The graduation ceremony took place in the school's recently rebuilt cafeteria - a fitting venue.
-

Stay connected to the Students Rebuild community through our social media channels on [Pinterest](#), [Tumblr](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Google+](#)!

Cheers!

The Students Rebuild Team

Students Rebuild – January 2013 Links

ONE MILLION BONES

Road to Washington - <http://www.onemillionbones.org/road-to-washington/>

Take the Challenge - <http://studentsrebuild.org/take-challenge>

Volunteer at Nat'l Mall - <http://onemillionbones.squarespace.com/dc-signup/?SSScrollPosition=0>

Congo Square Bone Laying - <http://studentsrebuild.org/nola-bone-laying>

Day of the Dead news coverage - <http://theadvocate.com/news/4300737-123/one-million-bones-connects-world>

Congo Square video - <http://bit.ly/WIk05a>

One Million Bones - <http://onemillionbones.org>

Meet our State Coordinators - <http://studentsrebuild.org/meet-our-state-coordinators>

On Tour in the Northeast - <http://studentsrebuild.org/tour-out-east>
On Tour Goes West - <http://studentsrebuild.org/new-route-west>

Museum of Tolerance partners - <http://studentsrebuild.org/partners-1>
Thinkpeace Workshop for Girls - <http://studentsrebuild.org/thinkpeace-workshop-girls-joins-students-rebuild-changes-lives>
MOT Two Day Event - <http://studentsrebuild.org/students-rebuild-makes-impact-los-angeles>
Annabeth Gish at MOT - <http://studentsrebuild.org/annabeth-gish-mot>
MOT Interactive Videoconference - <http://studentsrebuild.org/connect-field>

Pauline Zerla - <http://studentsrebuild.org/more-about-pauline>
Somalia Update - <http://studentsrebuild.org/somalia-update>
ETN Vocational School - <http://studentsrebuild.org/life-after-school%E2%80%A6congo>
Meet Abigael - <http://studentsrebuild.org/meet-abigael-from-goma>
CARE's relief and rebuilding work - <http://studentsrebuild.org/cares-relief-rebuilding-work>
Somali Youth Leaders Initiative - <http://studentsrebuild.org/somalia-spotlight-another-reason-make-bones>
Connect to the Field - <http://studentsrebuild.org/connect-field>
Register for this Springs Interactive Videoconferences - <http://bit.ly/X3QGWz>

PAPER CRANES FOR JAPAN

Crane sculpture unveiling - <http://studentsrebuild.org/sendai-youth-collaborate-better-world>
Kitakami Topping Out ceremony & video - <http://studentsrebuild.org/topping-out-kitakami-market-rains-are-sweet>
Ishinomaki Playground Review with University of Cincinnati - <http://studentsrebuild.org/students-rebuild-public-spaces-ishinomaki>
and the follow up - <http://studentsrebuild.org/results-are-ishinomaki-playground-design>

HAITI

Montrouis ribbon cutting - <http://studentsrebuild.org/haiti-schools-down-three-walls>
A Story of Youth in Action - <http://studentsrebuild.org/blog/2053/film-premiere-story-of-youth-action.html>
Elie girls graduate in new cafeteria! - <http://studentsrebuild.org/graduation-cafeterias-elie-dubois-0>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Pinterest - <http://pinterest.com/studentsrebuild/>
Tumblr - <http://studentsrebuild.tumblr.com/>
Twitter - <https://twitter.com/studentsrebuild>
Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/StudentsRebuild>
YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/user/StudentsRebuild>
Google+ - <https://plus.google.com/117923513554881524053/posts>