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DIGITAL DIVIDE

Campaign

The gap between those who have access to technology and those that do not is widening before our eyes. Teach For Liberia is stepping up to the plate to make accessibility and connectivity one less worry for our fellows. The Digital Divide Campaign is officially underway!

Having a laptop is no longer a luxury in today's world; it is a necessity. Visit our online campaign <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/dismantling-the-digital-divide> to find out more about how you can assist us in sustainably providing our subsequent fellow cohorts with the following:

- Laptop
- Antivirus Software
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Water-resistant Case

Now is the time to contribute to closing the digital divide in the place we call home through the fellows who are directly in contact with our future doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and changemakers. A donation of \$1,000 USD will provide all of the aforementioned items from locally identified vendors. As a result of having this technology, our beneficiaries will grow, be able to accomplish more, and by extension, their students will benefit, as well.

We are already \$4,000 USD closer to our ultimate goal of \$100,000 USD. Thank you from us, our fellows, and those we impact.



OUR GOAL
100 LAPTOPS

FELLOW SPOTLIGHT



Raymond O.

Cohort: **1**
 Age: **36**
 Credentials: **Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education**
 Field of Interest: **Education**
 Hobbies: **Reading the Bible & Teaching**

“I chose to become a TFL Fellow because I strongly believe that the progression of Liberia depends on the younger generation that is being constantly overlooked.”



Sia S.

Cohort: **2**
 Age: **27**
 Credentials: **Bachelor of Science**
 Field of Interest: **Public Health**
 Hobbies: **Reading & Singing**

“I chose to become a TFL Fellow because I want to be able to give back to my community as I was given the opportunity to improve my educational status.”

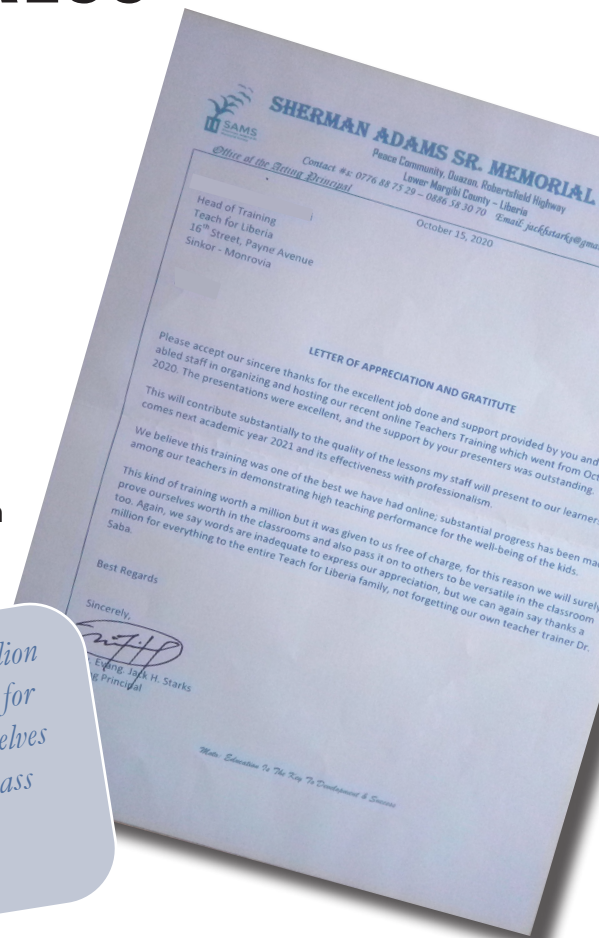
OUR PROFUTURO PROGRESS

1,037 signed up!

Our Profuturo Teacher Training Partnership is well underway! In case you missed it, through the Profuturo Partnership, Teach For Liberia has embarked upon a journey to train almost 2,000 teachers across Liberia in pedagogical and digital skills. As we reported a few newsletters ago, we have trained our 70+ Fellows and they are now, in turn, training other Liberian teachers. A total of 1,037 teachers have signed up for the training, but there's still room!

There's still a chance to sign up for this exciting opportunity! If you are an interested teacher with your own laptop or smartphone with internet access, please send your name, associated institution, and phone number to info@teachforliberia.org

This kind of training is worth a million but it was given to us free of charge, for this reason we will surely prove ourselves worthy in the classrooms and also pass it on to others to be versatile in the classroom as well.



INNOVATION PRIZE

We are amplifying the news of the next opportunity for trained teachers on their journey with TFL - The Innovation Prize! It is imperative that we equip Liberia with avenues to ensure that students can continue to learn in the event of an interruption similar to today's pandemic.

It is our hope that participants can use new skills regarding teaching in a digital format along with ingenuity to help the youth of their communities. The

Innovation Prize was created to award \$1,000 USD in micro-grants to support innovative plans to teach students amidst the crisis. We are imploring every participant to be creative, innovative, and allow knowledge gained from prior training(s) to be their inspiration!

It's all about spreading impact, and we are hoping that The Innovation Prize does just that for each teacher's community.

The Teach For All Global Conference

OCTOBER 20-22, 2020

It's time for the annual Teach For All Global Conference and we are beyond ready!! The conference brings together all 56,000+ members of the growing network of 58 independent partner organizations to reconsider and reimagine our approach to education, innovation, and growth.

According to the organizers, this year's format of a virtual conference allows for a myriad of ways to engage, learn, and connect with colleagues, including:

- Daily Assemblies featuring keynote speakers and opportunities to interact with peers from across the network
- Learning & Leadership sessions hosted by staff members, teachers, alumni, students, and allies
- Community Building Spaces for creating and strengthening connections
- The Student-Adult Equal Partnership track, six hours of workshops over three days in collaboration with Kids Education Revolution, in which students and adults explore together the power of equal partnership in pursuit of reimagined education

From considering technology's role in revolutionizing education, exploring how to further develop cultural competence and racial literacy, to partnering with students to advance our collective leadership, we look forward to a continuation of shared learning as a global community.



INSTITUTE 2020

After months of readjustments due to the uncertainty and upheaval that came with the COVID-19 pandemic, our Pre-Service Institute has begun and will run through mid- December. The purpose of the Institute is to provide our incoming fellows with the pedagogical and leadership skills they need to enter their new communities and lead effective change. We are also cultivating a community of like-minded leaders with whom they will grow, learn, and succeed.

All of our efforts with marketing, recruitment, and training, will culminate in the placement of these bright, young leaders in new communities where they will work towards achieving our ultimate goal; ensuring that all Liberian children have access to quality education.

These are exciting times, and we are extremely happy that you are coming along for the ride!



TEAM RETREAT

It is often said that “a team that learns together, grows together,” and here at Teach For Liberia, we are all about growing. We have had a few new additions to our team and this month we came together to learn more about the organization’s core mission, as well as to learn about each other. Synergy comes about when team members understand each other better, and taking a few days away to retreat and do just that was exactly what the doctor ordered.

