

Loving Our
Children
One School at
a Time.

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CAN YOU IMAGINE



300,000 CHURCHES SERVING **100,000** SCHOOLS

BECAUSE **Churches** SERVING **Schools**

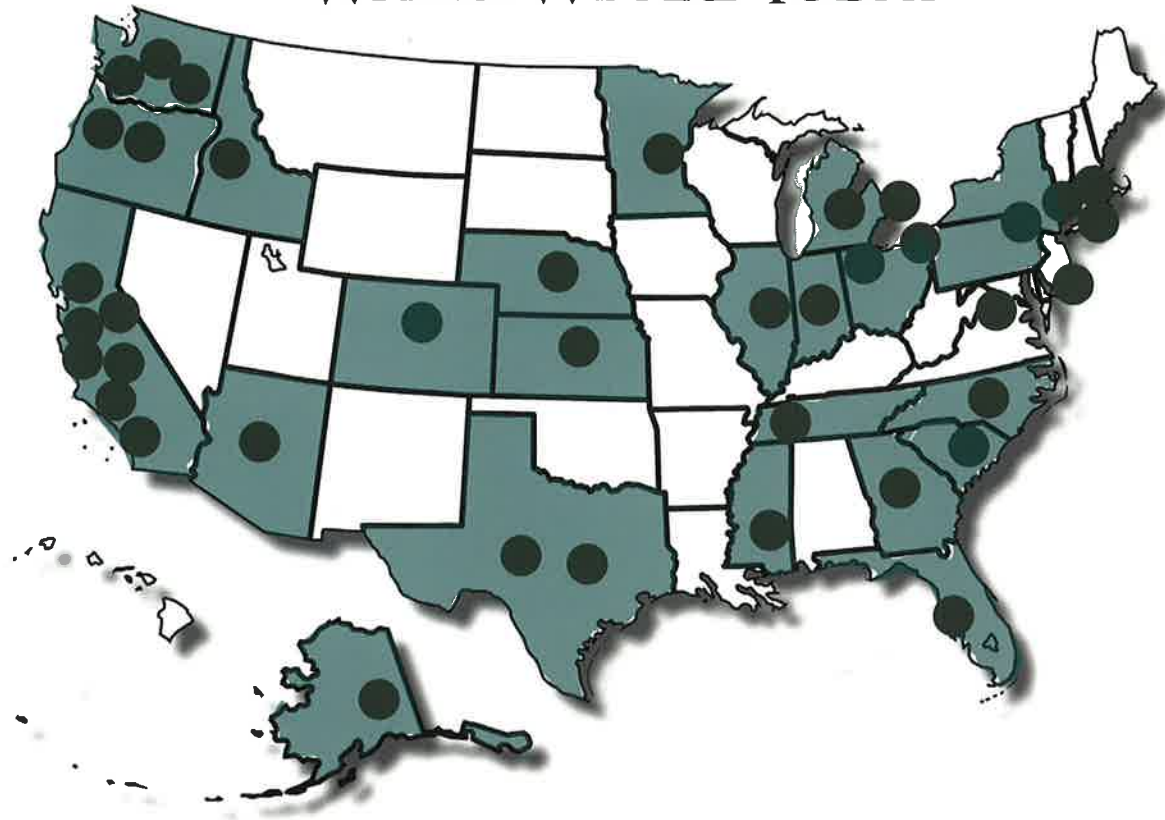
CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK,
I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME, I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME,
I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME, I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME."

MATTHEW 25:35-40



WHERE WE ARE TODAY



BeUndivided Is Inspiring Church/School Partnerships Across the Country

Nationwide, schools have exhausted their resources keeping up with needs of the children. In fact, the schools were never meant to provide for more than the educational needs of the kids. Nearly half of the schools in our country are in dire need of support. WHO BETTER THAN PEOPLE OF FAITH TO MEET THOSE NEEDS? All religious traditions have a primary call to respond to the needs of at-risk children and their families.

**AND WHERE DO YOU FIND THOSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES?...
IN THE SCHOOLS!**



HOW THE "MOVEM

SCHOOL CARE

Humility Builds Trust



School Care gets the ball rolling

In **Seattle, Washington**, faith leaders built a coalition of community churches to do a simple day of service at Sanislo Elementary School. Because of this one day of service, a new trust is being built between the school and its church neighbors - and the children are being supported by church.

In **Detroit, Michigan**, Oak Pointe Church and Life Remodeled came together with neighbors and business leaders to do the largest school care project in the nation at Cody High School. 15,000 volunteers and \$5,000,000 of donations resulted in erasing years of neglect, inspiring new classrooms and labs, rejuvenating neighborhoods, and fully rebuilding the football field and track.

In **Portland, Oregon**, a "one-day" service project for Roosevelt High School has led to similar service projects all over the country. SouthLake has served there for nearly a decade and today Roosevelt is being completely renovated and re-built.

IN EVERYTHING I DID, I SHOWED YOU THAT BY THIS KIND OF HARD WORK WE MUST HELP THE WEAK. REMEMBERING THE WORDS THE LORD JESUS HIMSELF SAID: IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

Acts 20:35



STUDENT CARE

Trust Allows Relationship



Student Care is where love occurs

The schools are among the most hopeful places in the lives of our young neighbors, and in many cases - the only place where their needs are properly met. Churches that partner with schools quickly learn where the service opportunities exist, and their teams step up to provide basic compassionate services to the children.

Commonly, we see programs in the areas of:

- Food Security - daily and weekends
- Clothing and Warmth
- Basic Hygiene
- After School Care
- Athletic Coaching
- Volunteers Coordinating
- Reading
- Teachers Aides
- Playground Attendants
- Compassion Events
- Sports and Drama Support
- More.

Services like these lead to hands-on involvement with the kids and the staff, resulting in REAL RELATIONSHIPS where the needs of the kids can be addressed.

With people of Faith, Student Care projects like these are the first step to what can be a powerful and impactful connection.

WHOEVER IS GENEROUS TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD,
AND HE WILL REPAY HIM FOR HIS DEED.

Proverbs 19:17



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SYSTEM CARE

Relationship Creates Care



System Care is where compassion & real solutions meet

SYSTEM CARE takes church school partnerships to the next level. It combines compassionate service with programs that address systematic challenges - and point to solutions with long-term impact.

In **Memphis, Tennessee**, local faith leaders have combined their energy and resources to tackle an enormous systemic challenge - illiteracy. Illiteracy plagues their city - resulting in epidemic levels of poverty, incarceration, crime, addiction and more. By addressing early childhood reading levels, faith leaders are partnering with schools to close the academic achievement gap AND developing healthier productive citizens - ready to learn... and ready to earn.

In **Sacramento, California**, churches and non-profits are working together with schools to address:

- Child Homelessness
- Children of Refugees
- Fatherlessness
- Needs of Foster Children

All systematic programs addressing the larger needs of the child,

LET EACH OF YOU LOOK NOT ONLY TO HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS.

Philippians 2:4



ADVOCACY

Care Leads to REAL Change



Faithful Advocacy leads to lasting results

Compassionate Service - School, Student and System Care - is essential, but in the end, we will not close the educational achievement gap with service projects alone. And if we want REAL change for our kids there is one more step. It's called Faithful Advocacy.

People of faith become powerful voices for REAL CHANGE. Many of the biggest transformations needed to close the achievement gap will only come with concrete changes to public policy - locally, statewide, and nationally.

We recognize that our nation has the resources, talent, and know-how to solve education inequality. Because we are involved, we become educated about the real needs, we seek concrete changes and we join forces letting leaders and policymakers know that these issues matter to us.

At Roosevelt, school and student care projects lead to an overall awareness of the issues confronting the kids. Before long, other non-profits and businesses joined forces to also create lasting change for the kids. Local churches and non-profits are now serving the Roosevelt feeder schools.

Ultimately, a Bond measure was passed and Roosevelt is now undergoing a \$90,000,000 remodel. Just 8 years ago, it was on the "slated-for-closure" list.

OPEN YOUR MOUTH, JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY, AND PLEAD THE CAUSE OF THE POOR AND NEEDY.

Proverbs 31:9



OUR NEED:

Funding Operating Budget Shortfall **\$195,000**

(Executive Director salary excluded – supported by MJ Murdock Trust)

Funding and Partnership for Major Initiatives **TBD*****

Expansion of Movement
Literacy
Parenting Skills Programs
Support for the Fatherless

(***Initiatives are Budgeted and Funded Separate from Operating Budget)

Storytelling Funding **\$75,000**

Film Production and Distribution

Sponsor a City **\$25,000**

Screening Event
One-day workshop
On-going training and webinar support
Custom film production

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“HE HAS TOLD YOU, O MORTAL, WHAT IS GOOD; AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU
BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND TO LOVE KINDNESS,
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?”

MICAH 6:8

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5 Core Principles

No Agenda.

BEUNDIVIDED CHURCHES DON'T INITIATE SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AS AN AVENUE FOR PROSELYTIZING.

Humility.

WE ENCOURAGE CHURCHES TO RECOGNIZE THE EXPERTISE OF SCHOOL STAFF, AND COME ALONGSIDE TO FILL IN SCHOOL-IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND GAPS.

Excellence.

WE ARE PEOPLE OF OUR WORD. WE ENCOURAGE OUR PEOPLE TO UNDER-PROMISE AND OVER-DELIVER!

Commitment.

WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCHES NEED TO BE COMMITTED TO THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS THEY SERVE.

Serving Together.

WE URGE CHURCHES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CONGREGATIONS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE SCHOOLS THEY SERVE TOGETHER- GAMES, PLAYS, FUNCTIONS, SERVE DAYS, ETC. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS POWER IN COMMUNITY.



Over the past four years, I have had the privilege to travel and meet the leaders of the city gospel movement around the country. It is a movement of people of faith united to serve the social needs of the people in their communities. At BeUndivided, our work in the movement has focused on encouraging and supporting partnerships in the schools. And **amazing work is being done in schools** - and I am happy to say that each new story is inspiring the next group of leaders to get involved in the work.

The challenges in the schools have become so great, that now we find our institutions can come together in collaboration to meet the needs of the children. Faith communities are finding an open door in the schools, allowing their talents and resources to be employed for **the common good of the kids**. I've seen first hand - in Detroit, Portland, Seattle, Sacramento, Memphis and many more that we can and do have a **huge impact when we lovingly and humbly support** the schools. And the most encouraging of everything is to see **REAL RELATIONSHIPS** form between the people serving and the families in need.

For nearly a half a century, we've watched as the church has seemingly lost ground in the culture. The "fight" regarding church and state and other important political battles has caused people of faith lose hope and many to retreat to within the walls of their churches, and the safety of their own faith community and friends. New attempts to reach the culture have grown up - movies, contemporary music, fun and games, and perfecting a "cooler" argument. Yet nothing has changed in terms of the public perception of our faith. **I believe that can change.**

The reason I took on the role of Executive Director is that I believe with my whole heart that there is no better opportunity - and **there is no better time than now** - for people of faith to re-engage the culture. And culture meets in the schools - every day - all year long. **AND THE SCHOOLS ARE ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT!**

In the coming years, we will be:

- Growing the Movement Around the Country
- Addressing the Crisis of Illiteracy
- Providing Tools for Parenting for Academic Success
- Working on Behalf of Fatherless Youth...and so much more.

My hope is to **change the landscape of our culture** by taking on education of our under-resourced children. We will move from simple acts of service, to long-term solutions that can change things for decades to come.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Thank you for caring enough to consider being part of the movement and for your support of BeUndivided.

Sincerely,


Jeff Martin
Executive Director

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