



**HELP  
OUR  
CLASS**

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Global crowdfunding for teachers' classroom needs in not-for-profit schools

You're a teacher in a not-for-profit school and there's not enough in the school budget to buy the resources you need for your classroom. What do you do?

We'd like to present to you an alternative...



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# Help Our Class INTERNATIONAL

*Help a Teacher. Change a Life.*

*Are you a teacher in a not-for-profit school?*

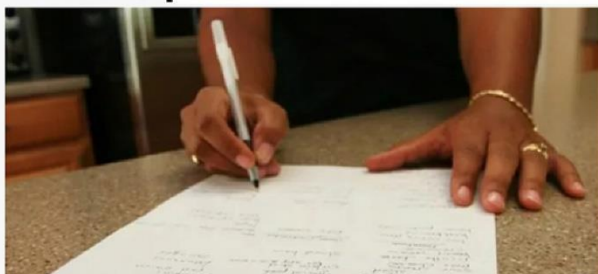


## Get The Things You Need For Your Class

Connect to donors who want to help you provide the resources you need for your class.

## How It Works

### Request Your Needs



Submit the list of things you need for your classroom, from art supplies to paper to iPads to microscopes

### Donors Provide Funding



Besides friends and family helping out, our donors take care of the rest

### Your Things Are Delivered



We order everything for you and the package arrives to your school with your name and room number on it

### Thank You



Your students write thank you letters to the donors

**Interested? Contact us for more info: [info@HelpOurClass.net](mailto:info@HelpOurClass.net)**



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Dear Friends,

You're a teacher and there's not enough in the school budget to buy the resources you need for your classroom. What do you do?



A recent study found that over 94% of teachers dip into their own pockets to buy materials for their students. And then, there's Charles. In the year 2000, a history teacher in New York wanted additional educational

resources for his classroom, but as too often happens, there wasn't enough in the school budget to afford any extras. Inspired by the challenge, he mapped out a website where teachers could put their needs online and seek crowdfunding to meet the needs. Eleven teachers listed with him at first and the idea took off. Today, that website allows every public school in the United States to post their needs online. To date, nearly 5 million supporters have funded over a billion dollars in classroom project funding through the site he created.



For American teachers, the site Charles set up nearly two decades ago is a blessing, but what about teachers outside the USA? What about teachers in refugee camps or rural areas in other countries? Like Charles in 1999, they are left on their own to make the most of what they have been given. And who suffers? The students, of course.



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## Introducing: Help Our Class

We would like to present to you an alternative. We would ask you to thoughtfully consider what we are about to share with you and ask that you think about how you might join with us in some way to change the world.

Global Education Vision is a California nonprofit corporation and our mission is to provide a world-class educational experience for students of all ages, and to prepare them for the challenges they will face after graduation, and to give them the education they will need to become productive individuals and potential leaders in their societies. In order to fulfill our mission, teachers need to have the resources they need to teach effectively. It is not the teacher's fault that their school doesn't have adequate resources, but we would be at fault if we just ignore the situation; especially when we have the roadmap for a solution.

Currently we are setting up a system like Charles set up online that will allow teachers from around the world to post their classroom needs online and seek



supporters through crowdfunding. This system has worked extremely well in the USA and **we believe it can be even more effective on a global scale.**



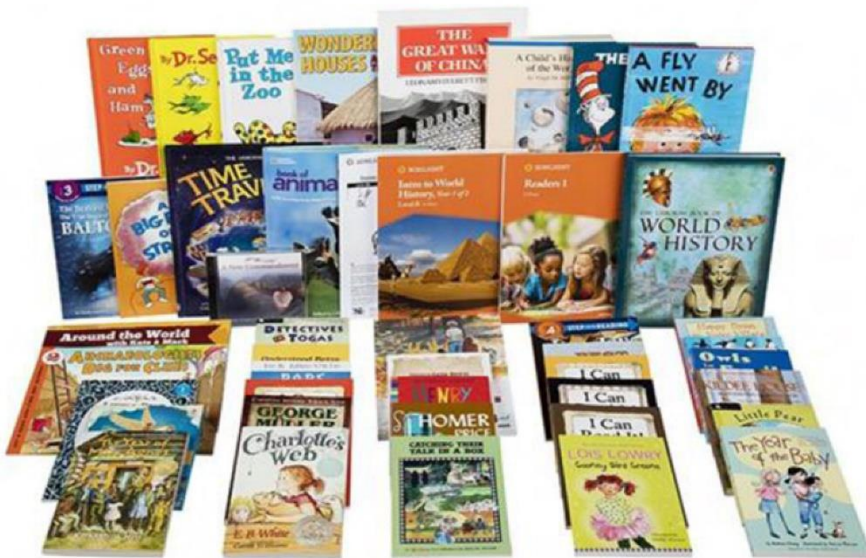
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The initial website will be basic in its operations, but as we connect with universities and the amazing pool of programming and web design talent that is out there, our online platform will evolve into something truly amazing.

## HELP OUR CLASS: The Process

Initially, GEV contacts school administration about the program and describes the process for creating free teacher accounts for that school.



Each teacher who wants to participate will then register a free online account on our platform. Once an account is created, the teacher will then be able to select items from approved sources and use a template we provide to build an online listing of the needs for their classroom.

Our staff will then update the listing as donors contribute towards its fulfillment.

Once the listing is satisfied, we take the funds that were donated and purchase the selected items, with the school being the delivery address. When the items are received in the class, the teacher will then work with the students to prepare and submit brief letters of appreciation that will then be posted online.



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## Call to Action

The non-profit that is taking care of American teachers has never expanded beyond the USA, so the teachers and students in the rest of the world are left wanting. In order that we might work towards reaching the United Nations Sustainability Goal #4 for a "Quality Education," we see the **Help Our Class**



Program as a dynamic tool that public, non-profit and NGO-related schools all over the world can benefit from. By working together, we will expand this program to the areas where resources are needed the most. Of course, grants and corporate donors are

actively being pursued, but the strength in this program, and the key to its success, are the individual donations of time and money to the program listings.

Currently we are launching his program in Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Mexico, Cambodia and selected cities in the United States. As we add additional countries, we will post updates on our website and social media. Our content will also be available in Spanish and Khmer in the near future, so check back often.

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of teachers and their students throughout the world, either as a volunteer or as a donor, or if you just need more information, we ask that you contact us at: [info@helpourclass.net](mailto:info@helpourclass.net) or visit us online at: [www.HelpOurClass.org](http://www.HelpOurClass.org).