

Did you know?

19% of all students in the U.S. attend rural schools¹.

Additionally, studies have shown that students living in rural areas are more likely to perform a grade level below their peers and are less likely to have access to devices that connect to the internet².

¹Drescher, Jessica, and Gabrielle Torrance. "What Is the Status of Educational Opportunity in Rural America?" Brookings

²Vogels, Emily A. "Some Digital Divides Persist between Rural, Urban and Suburban America." Pew Research Center

BRIDGE THE GAP

— delivers access to —

 **technology** and **educational** 

 **opportunities to students in** 

 **rural communities** 

[where access may be]

 **limited or nonexistent.** 

**Education is important
and everyone deserves
a fair chance to succeed.**



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BRIDGE THE GAP

**Connecting Rural Students
with a Brighter Future**





Serving our Communities



Tech for Students:

Bridge the Gap supplies classrooms and educators with tools such as laptops, tablets, projectors, and more to help prepare their students for a bright future. Additionally, we offer technology to families whose children are enrolled in local public schools that otherwise couldn't afford it.



Improving our Infrastructure:

Rural communities often lack the infrastructure, like reliable internet and cellular data, that keeps them connected in the modern world. We work with the local government and cable companies to bring this necessary infrastructure to our communities.



Tutoring Services:

Bridge the Gap hires experienced tutors to work both in person and online with local students who may be struggling academically.



Securing Supplies:

Our organization supplies local classrooms with school supplies their students need for success. (i.e., pencils, paper, books, backpacks, and more!)



Exposure to Opportunities:

Bridge the Gap works with educators to create affordable workshops, field trips, and programs for local students to discover new career opportunities they may not have had access to.



Online Courses:

Through our website, we provide online courses for students in rural communities across the U.S.; focusing on technology-based skills such as programming, graphic design, animation, game design, web design, and more.

Humble Beginnings

During their teaching careers in the countryside of Southern Ohio, our founders, Otis and Margaret Richards, noticed the **disparity between the technological and educational opportunities** offered to metropolitan students compared to those available in **rural areas**.

They set out to make these opportunities **accessible** and **affordable** to their communities.



Otis & Margaret Richards
Founders, **BRIDGE THE GAP**

Our Impact

Since 2010, **BRIDGE THE GAP** has helped hundreds of **rural classrooms** provide the **modern educational tools** their students deserve.



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Over 10 years of services



25,00

Assisted over 2,500 classrooms



50,000

Aided over 50,000 students



How We Receive Funding



Donations:

Interested in supporting your community? Give a gift that fits your lifestyle, a one time donation or monthly.



Gifts:

We graciously accept any school supplies and electronic devices that are in good working condition. Visit our website for a list of your community's most needed items.



Fundraising:

Mark your calendars for our locally held fundraising events! All profits generated go back into supporting our students.



Sponsorships:

Sponsorship from companies big and small help our communities grow! Every sponsorship allows Bridge the Gap to change the lives of more students.



Visit us in person or online to request supplies and services, we're happy to help!



Scan to visit our donation portal

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