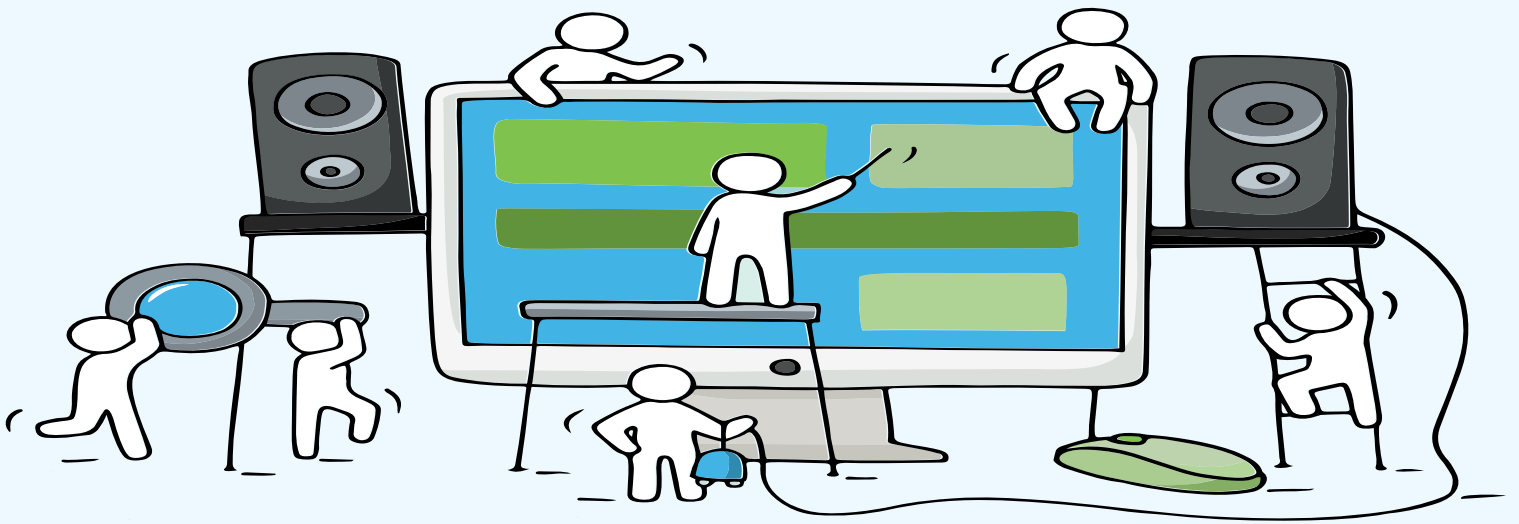




Digital Device Program

2020



the digital device program



the problem

In March, COVID-19 forced Chicago Public Schools to make an unprecedented shift to virtual learning. This left over 115,000 students without access to e-learning because of the long-standing digital divide.

33%

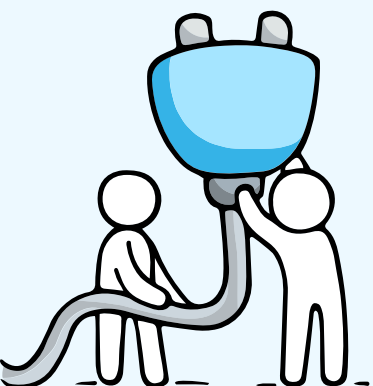
CPS students without computers

15,000

students without access to devices

lack of access to devices

Chicago Public Schools worked to connect its students by implementing a short-term solution of loaning out 100,000 devices. This effort still left over 15,000 students without immediate access to e-learning and 100,000+ students without long-term access to the digital world.

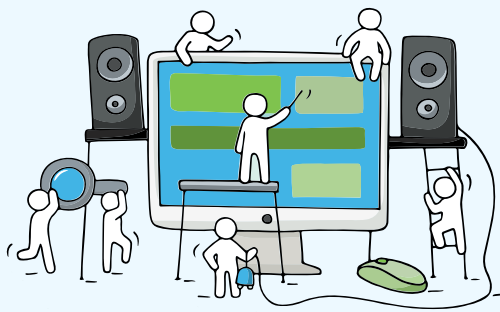


close to home

76.5% of Chicago Public School's 350,000 students are economically disadvantaged. Without support from the community, providing equitable access for every student will not be possible.

264,600

economically disadvantaged students in CPS



technology is a basic need

Although CPS loaned devices to students, many families were still under connected. Parents sharing devices with students or multi-student households were faced with the challenge of sharing vital resources to remain connected. Additionally, all devices distributed by CPS during the COVID-19 crisis must be returned. This leaves more than 100,000 students without long-term access to the basic need of technology.

what we're doing

We mobilized quickly and **gave**, not loaned, Chromebooks to students across Chicago. We had a specific focus on the city's most vulnerable youth, with 85% of our devices given to youth in foster care.



\$38,700

fundraised

215

laptops distributed

360

on our waitlist as of 7/28/2020



why it matters

By providing access to a Chromebook for a young person, we are providing opportunity and connection.

academic performance

- Improved grades
- Lowered missed school days
- Improved engagement with school
- Increased feeling of preparedness for school
- Increased ability to complete school assignments

life satisfaction

- Increased life satisfaction
- Reduced depression
- Increased feeling of freedom in life
- Feel that they fit in more
- Increased confidence in long-term success

social connectivity

- Improved social connectivity
- Improved relationships with family
- Better quality relationships with their family
- More likely to search for a job
- More likely to connect with :
 - Family
 - Teachers
 - Employers

our goal

Our work does not stop here. There are still 100,000+ Chicago students without long term access to the digital world. Our mission is to bridge this gap ensuring students have equal access to technology, internet service and the training necessary to navigate those tools.



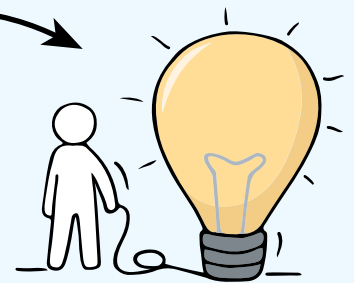
help us conquer the digital divide



we can not do this alone

Our work relies on the continued support and generous donations from our community. By donating to Live Grit SOARS Digital Divide Program, you are helping us provide equitable access and empowerment to Chicago area students.

how can you help?



\$120

cost of internet service for 1 year

Provide reliable high speed internet connection to a family with a one time donation of \$120 or \$10/month*

\$250

average cost of a chromebook

Provide a Chromebook for 1 student with a one time donation of \$250 or \$25/month*.

\$370

chromebook + internet

Provide 1 student with a Chromebook and 1 year of internet connection with a one time donation of just \$370 or \$35/month*



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