



## **The Story of School the World**

School the World Founder Kate Curran made a life decision in 2007 that had a profound impact on her life and through the launch of School the World, the lives of some of the world's poorest and most marginalized children. Curran left a prestigious career as a corporate attorney at General Electric to travel the world after a series of personal tragedies. Her year-long-journey opened her eyes to the dire need for quality education in impoverished sectors of the world. It was the 12 children sharing one pencil in a Tanzanian classroom, young children working under the hot Andes sun, and students crossing through crocodile-infested waters just to get to school in a Zambian village that inspired her to found School the World in 2009 to fight extreme poverty at its core by bringing quality education to children in Guatemala, Honduras and Panama.

## **School the World's Mission:**

School the World is a community-driven nonprofit committed to solving extreme poverty through the power of education.

## **School the World's Philosophy:**

We believe all children love to learn, want to learn and are capable of learning. We believe all parents want a better life for their children and all teachers prefer motivation and achievement to apathy and failure. Nevertheless, we recognize that the complexities behind generational poverty require us to be innovative and often disruptive to make real learning possible.

## **School the world's Strategy:**

We believe that by working together we can create a world where every child has the quality education they deserve. That is why we work both on the ground in poverty-stricken communities who have little to no access to education, as well as right here in the U.S., providing students, families and companies the opportunity to create change.

Our strategy is to work at the grassroots level, organizing communities around education from early childhood through adolescence. Our Global Citizenship Program amplifies our impact at home & abroad.

*Everyone, working together, towards making our world a more just place.*



## **Quick Facts**

- 109 Schools Built
- 56 Playgrounds Built
- 635 Classroom Libraries Stocked
- 7,625 Parents Empowered to be their Child's "First Educators"
- 12,590 Children Educated
- 676 Scholarships Awarded
- 7,395 Teachers Creating Change
- 946 World Changers Inspired

## **[Meet our team \(click here for full bios\):](#)**

### **Kate Curran - Founder & CEO – School the World**

Kate founded School the World in 2009. Her vision is to fight extreme poverty at its roots by bringing education to the world's poorest children. Prior to School the World, she was an attorney and executive at General Electric Company. She grew up in Bridgeport, CT and enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her very large extended family.

### **Natalie Hambor - Chief of Staff & Operations – School the World**

Natalie has a background in entrepreneurship and marketing as well as a strong passion for global service travel. A graduate of Northeastern University, Natalie has extensive travel experience on both a philanthropic and personal level. She enjoys sharing her belief for cultural exchange and the power of community development.

At School the World, Natalie is responsible for the development and execution of our Global Citizenship Program as well as our internal operations.

### **Ana Joya - Regional Director – School the World**

Ana has always felt the call to work in development and a passion to help others. Ana started working with young people at her first job as a Community Development Coordinator at the American Field Service (AFS). For 11 years Ana worked at World Renew in Honduras, gaining experience in managing different community development projects and programs.

Now, as Regional Director, Ana has learned how important education is and how it can transform a child's life for the better!



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## Testimonials

### **Mission:**

*“The trainings that we have been receiving, has helped us a lot in the activities that we do with our children, to support them at school. I have understood that as a mother, I must do something to improve the education of my children. We have learned from the different topics, as an example: a space for our children to read, this has been very important, because only like this, my children can extend their intelligence. Besides, trainings motivate us to accompany our children in their learning. During the time of pandemic, it is helping us to orient ourselves and know on how we can do activities from home with our children.”*

– Hilaria, Mother, Guatemala 2021

*“The trainings are helping us understand that we must support our children, to continue learning. In my case, I cannot read or write, but I can tell my children to do their homework. I have learned that we as parents, must be the first to teach our children.”*

– Maribela, Guatemala 2020

*“Before I didn’t know I had a right to go to the school and ask how my daughter was doing. Now after the School the World trainings I go and I ask.”*

- Mother, Honduras 2019

*“The strategies I have learned from these trainings will strengthen our students’ learning process. The digital tools I learned were very useful. Before, I did not know how to help the students catch up or teach from a distance, and now I, and my entire team, do. This course motivated us to keep going and know that we can still help children learn!”*

– Patricia, 6th grade teacher, Honduras, 2021

### **Service Trips:**

*“Participating in a corporate trip with School the World was far and away the best investment I have made in our team. We’ve seen such positive ROI not only with employee morale but also with marketing engagement.”* – Merrily Bodell, COO, Ivywise, 2019 (Corporate Service Trip)

*“These trips have had an immense impact on where I want to go and what I want to do with my life... They have completely shaped me as a person. I know now that I want to dedicate my education to helping others and work in humanitarian aid after college.”* – Grace, Winchester, MA 2020, High School Service Trip



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## Visuals

### School the World Photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/y48gsic2lr2bx3d/AAAKiNsHFpCdwLB5eLIZQ4G1a?dl=0>

### School the World Videos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wwhpg7xehmxwb2w/AADQUi5bAaQGnRmPotRWtuYGa?dl=0>

## News Coverage

### Awards:

- **Forbes 50 Over 50, Women Who Are Leading The Way In Impact:** <https://www.forbes.com/50over50/impact?profile=kate-curran>
- **EY Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist 2019:** [https://www.ey.com/en\\_us/news/2019/05/ey-announces-finalists-for-the-entrepreneur-of-the-year-2019-award-in-the-new-england-region](https://www.ey.com/en_us/news/2019/05/ey-announces-finalists-for-the-entrepreneur-of-the-year-2019-award-in-the-new-england-region)
- **Network 20/20 Humanitarian Award in Global Affairs, 2019** <https://network2020.org/past-benefits/>
- **Holy Cross College Sanctae-Crucis Award 2019:** <https://www.holycross.edu/sanctae-crucis-awards/sanctae-crucis-awards/sanctae-crucis-award-recipients/sanctae-crucis-award-recipients-2019>
- **Lauralton Hall Claven Award 2020:** <https://www.lauraltonhall.org/alumnae/claven-award/claven2020>

### Press/Podcasts:

- **Dose of Leadership with Richard Rierson Podcast, 2015:** <https://www.scribd.com/podcast/448156660/227-Kate-Curran-Founder-of-School-The-World-For-more-than-twenty-years-Kate-Curran-has-bridged-the-worlds-of-philanthropy-government-and-busin>
- **The Story Exchange, 2018:** <https://thestoryexchange.org/katecurran/>
- **Education Evolution Podcast, 2021:** <https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/education-evolution/79-building-educational-kcvNAGVMF4j/>
- **Live Your Best Life Podcast, 2020:** <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/kate-curran/id1496972261?i=1000492037488>
- **Exceptional Women Podcast, 2021:** <https://www.audacy.com/magic1067/latest/kate-curran-on-exceptional-women>
- **NBC/NECN 10 Boston Segment, 2021:** <https://fb.watch/9Xk5QSYFli/>



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- **LeadingShe Podcast, 2021:**

[https://www.leadingshe.com/podcast/episode/26d56224/leading-by-solving-extreme-poverty-through-the-power-of-education?fbclid=IwAR1v9B0WktX8uPmhjG7IymTaVd5do559eIkq9TXie-Z-BmeEIS\\_UsyJ\\_J-U](https://www.leadingshe.com/podcast/episode/26d56224/leading-by-solving-extreme-poverty-through-the-power-of-education?fbclid=IwAR1v9B0WktX8uPmhjG7IymTaVd5do559eIkq9TXie-Z-BmeEIS_UsyJ_J-U)

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