



BUILDING TOMORROW®

founder's bio

George Srour, 28, is the Founder and Chief Dreamer of Building Tomorrow, an Indianapolis-based social-profit organization empowering young people to invest their resources, time and talents in providing students in East Africa with access to an education. To date, Building Tomorrow has raised over \$1.5 million; empowering individuals and communities in East Africa to donate 30 acres of land and volunteer over 200,000 hours of labor to build schools for their children.



With that, a movement was born. Srour was awarded the James Monroe Prize for Civic Leadership and the inaugural Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose, allowing him to make building schools for children in sub-Saharan Africa a full-time job. Building Tomorrow was created as a continuation of Christmas in Kampala, to empower young people to make a difference in their global community.

In 2005, Srour graduated with a degree in Government and International Relations and started Building Tomorrow from an unused room in his parent's house.

When Srour first visited Uganda as a United Nations intern, he recognized a real and effective way to help the millions of under-served children throughout sub-Saharan Africa: education. Inspired and emboldened, he returned to the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, ready to do his part to help the children he met overseas.

In December of 2004, the College of William & Mary accomplished an extraordinary thing. Through their Christmas in Kampala campaign, students raised almost \$45,000 in less than six weeks to fund the construction of a new school in Kampala, Uganda.

In May 2006, the students at William & Mary could see the results of their hard work with the completion of Meeting Point Kampala.

Today the organization has nine full time staff members between the United States and Uganda and offices in downtown Indianapolis and Kampala, Uganda. Building Tomorrow has 14 academies open or under construction as of July 2012, with classroom space for over 2,600 students. Nobel-laureate and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu of South Africa serves as the organization's Honorary Chairman.

In 2007, Building Tomorrow was recognized as one of the top up and coming social change organizations in the world by Echoing Green, an organization providing seed funding for social entrepreneurs. Srour has also been named an Architect of the Future by the Waldzell Institute of Austria and one of the Top 100 Most Powerful People in Indiana by Indianapolis Monthly.