

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



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A REFLECTION ON 2023

A Message from Expanding Boundaries International's Founder and Executive Director

To the Expanding Boundaries International Community,

As we close the chapter on an unforgettable 2023, I can't help but reflect on the journey we've shared. We embarked on a mission to provide equitable access to cross-cultural and technological education through S.T.E.A.M. activities, and your unwavering support has enabled us to impact countless lives.

This year, we witnessed students reach new heights through our STEAM Exchange program, cultural exploration tours, and study abroad opportunities. Their stories of transformation, growth, and global citizenship have been inspiring.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers who have brought our mission to life with their time, expertise, and passion. We also thank our partners and donors whose contributions have fueled our initiatives, enabling us to reach more students and provide them with life-changing opportunities.

As we turn the page to 2024, a milestone year marking our 10th anniversary, we are filled with anticipation and excitement. We look forward to celebrating a decade of expanding boundaries and creating global citizens. But our work is far from over. Our mission continues, and we need your support more than ever.

We invite you to join us in our anniversary celebrations—be it by volunteering, donating, or sharing our story. Let's continue to work together to empower our youth, broaden their horizons, and prepare them for a globalized economy.

Your involvement, in whatever form, truly makes a difference. Together, we can foster global citizenship, expand boundaries, and equip our future generation with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive.

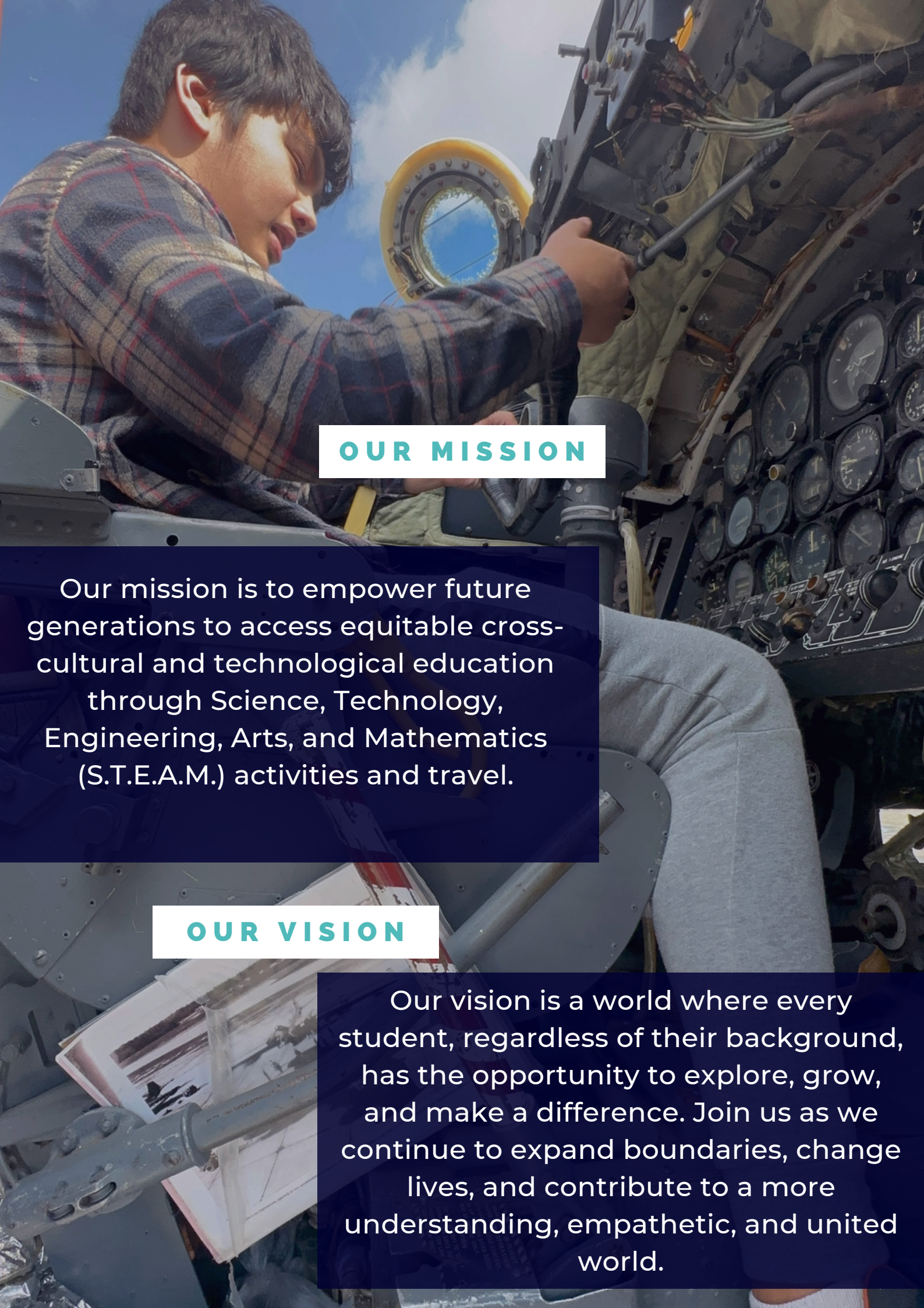
Thank you for standing by us through this journey. Here's to another decade of expanding boundaries!

With gratitude,



Leticia Nortey

Founder/ Executive Director,
Expanding Boundaries International



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower future generations to access equitable cross-cultural and technological education through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) activities and travel.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a world where every student, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to explore, grow, and make a difference. Join us as we continue to expand boundaries, change lives, and contribute to a more understanding, empathetic, and united world.



Our Programs

STEAM Exchange

Our STEAM Exchange introduces STEAM fundamentals to students from ages 10 to 18. This program empowers the underserved, underprivileged, and technologically impoverished students in Baltimore/Carroll, U.S., and Ghana, Africa by providing STEAM education and equipping our students with the resources necessary to bridge the digital divide.



Brenda A. Brown Passport Scholarship

The Brenda Brown Passport Scholarship awards recipients the funds to apply for their first U.S. passport! The scholarship is named after the influential professor who helped our founder overcome many obstacles so that she could study abroad. EBI intends to pay Professor Brown's kindness forward by helping students to travel internationally.



City Explorers

Expanding students' boundaries one trip at a time! The EBI City Explorers program aims to introduce inner-city students to the world beyond their city limits. Education comes from exploration, so we want all students to have opportunities to venture beyond what's familiar!



Study Abroad & Study Abroad Consultation

With the launch of our Ghana Study Tour to Ghana, EBI provides cultural immersion programs for high school students. In addition, EBI offers students free study abroad consultations, where we discuss which options and sources of funding are available and what to expect when charting new territory.



Remember... EBI is a 100% Volunteer-Run Organization, which means we rely on our community of volunteers and donors to keep us going. Consider joining and volunteering with us today. Volunteer to teach, join our Board, or support us in our administrative tasks.

2023 IN NUMBERS

\$65,000

Monetary Donations
and Grants

20

Individual Volunteers

\$230,400

Volunteer Hours Value

\$0

Salary

11,520

Volunteered Hours

\$10,500

In-Kind Donation

ANNUAL IMPACT METRICS

500+

Youth & Families
Directly Served

11,000+

of volunteer hours
donated

400,000+

Social Media Reach
Of Families/Supporters

6

STEAM Focused
Field trip



Where we serve:



USA

Baltimore



USA

Carroll County



Ghana

Ejura, Ashanti



Ghana

Frante, Ashanti



Ghana

Agona, Ashanti

**THINK GLOBAL
ACT LOCAL**



Who we serve

- Youth ages 10 to 17 years
- Educators in Ghana
- Parents & Guardians

2023 in Pictures



Promoting Food Diplomacy and Cultural Exchange through International Cooking

Our team at Exploration Commons Kitchen is dedicated to fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation through food. This year, we had the pleasure of cooking up some West African Peanut Butter Soup with Rice, Kenyan Tea Masala with Puff Puff, and African Street Food (Beef Kebabs with Fried Yam and Fried Plantains).



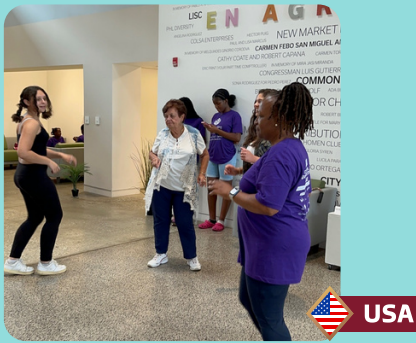
Promoting cultural exchange through the Google Earth Exploration Tour and pals' conversation with students at Deer Park Magnet Middle School and students in Ghana. Students learned about Ghana and had the opportunity to chat with their peers there. Some topics discussed were life before, during, and after the pandemic in both regions.



The Year of Aviation Industry, this year, we exposed our youth in Ghana and Baltimore/Carroll to the aviation industry. Students in Ghana visited the Ghana Armed Forces while Baltimore/Carroll visited the Glen L Martin to explore and build a World War 2 bomber flight replica.



EBI Gives back, team USA partnered with MAGIC, a nonprofit organization in Carroll to play Pokemon Go while cleaning our Westminster main street. Team



USA



USA



Exploring Puerto Rican Culture in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

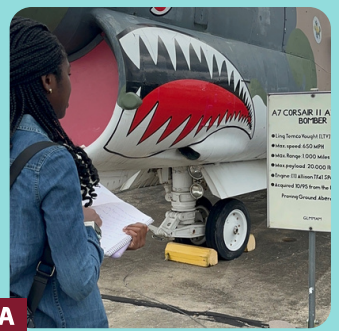
In August, our team traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to immerse ourselves in the Puerto Rican culture. We visited a Puerto Rican town and a cultural center to learn about assimilation, migration, the mainland, and the origins of salsa, meringue, and bachacha. By learning to dance these Hispanic-originated dances, we were able to gain a deeper understanding of the culture.



Ghana



USA



Team Ghana had the opportunity to tour the Kotaka International Airport to learn about the production process and explore careers in aviation.

Team USA explored this inside of airplanes, fire trucks and antique cars at the Glen L. Martin Aviation Museum



Ghana



USA



USA



Ghana

This year, our celebration of Birthdays for our Explorers continued. This is a tradition our youth look forward to every month.

Team USA and Ghana continued with their cross-cultural learning.



USA



USA



Ghana



USA

We hosted our first annual international food tasting.

Through the generous support of our community partners, this year EBI awarded 21 passport scholarships

We welcomed a new group of students to our Ghana team.

Team USA, had the pleasure of visiting and touring the White House.



Ghana

We acquired a new learning space for Ejura team. Renovations are still pending.



Ghana

This year our students in Ghana received their yearly supplies which included school supplies, clothes, shoes, and hygiene items. In addition, every student received their own laptop to help with virtual learning.



Our story was shared on the front pages of The Baltimore Times and the Annapolis Times



Ghana

Our students in Ghana had a career chat with Mr. Benjamin Osie, award winning Nurse Practitioner in Ghana

In the spirit of gratitude, we wanted to express our sincere thanks to our community of supporters. Your belief in our mission fuels our motivation to excel. We are grateful for the confidence you've shown in us.

SPONSORS AND PARTNERS.



To support our programs, please call us at 410.881.7449 or email our Executive Director, Leticia Northey, at lnorthey@expandingboundaries.org

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Testimonials

Expanding Boundaries International has been helpful to me because now I know how to search on the internet, and it has also improved my education and usage of I.C.T. tools.

MARY AWINBILA, 16 YRS, GHANA

Joy Liu -EBI Parent
Thank you for this wonderful program!

 Iris Torres Berenhaus
Great organization. I learned a lot about Puerto Rican culture. Also the Puerto Rican living in Philadelphia. It was a great trip. The people in charge were great. They are doing a great job.

This is the best news I've heard all week! I am beyond grateful for this award! This award helps me so much on my journey and relieves so much stress for me. I can't thank you enough! Have a lovely holiday and keep on changing lives!

ALISON MARTIN, PASSPORT SCHOLAR, USA

EBI has proved to be an impactful program for my studies since it teaches topics critical to software development, and the environment EBI nurtures rewards hard work and dedication. - Aryan Shrestha, EBI STEAM Student, USA

ARYAN SHRESHA, 14 YRS MT. AIRY, MD, USA

Expanding Boundaries International has been helpful to me through my education. By being introduced to the internet and learning how to search for information online, I have been able to improve my learning. EBI has also provided me with access to the internet, which has exposed me to all the information I need.

SHARIF SAMID, 15, GHANA

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...



DONATE WHILE YOU SHOP!

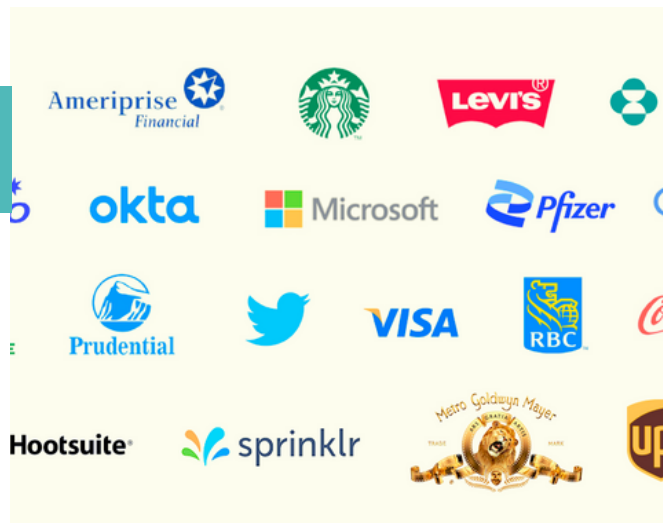


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WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW...



DONATE



Become an International and Technology education advocate. Your donation will help us to:

- Supply data for our Ghana students to learn virtually
- Provide technology supplies for our scholars both at home and overseas
- Award Students for their first-ever United States Passport
- Support students in their study abroad journey
- Organize field trips for our local scholars to explore our beautiful nation
- Provide Around world virtual field trips to our scholars



JOIN OUR TEAM

Get involved! There are so many ways in which you can support our mission. You can join our Board of Directors, volunteer in one of our administrative departments, teach STEAM-related lessons, or become a mentor to our explorers.



BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER

We would particularly like to be a featured nonprofit in your matching gifts program. We would highlight your business as a valuable sponsor on our web page, social media channels, and marketing materials. Email us@ at info@expandingboundaries.org to learn more about our partnership.