

The DRANREF
Foundation

2019
Annual Report

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The DRANREF Foundation (TDF) was established in 2015 to develop and support STEM-based educational and entrepreneurial programs that measurably impact school achievement and employability.



Vision & Mission

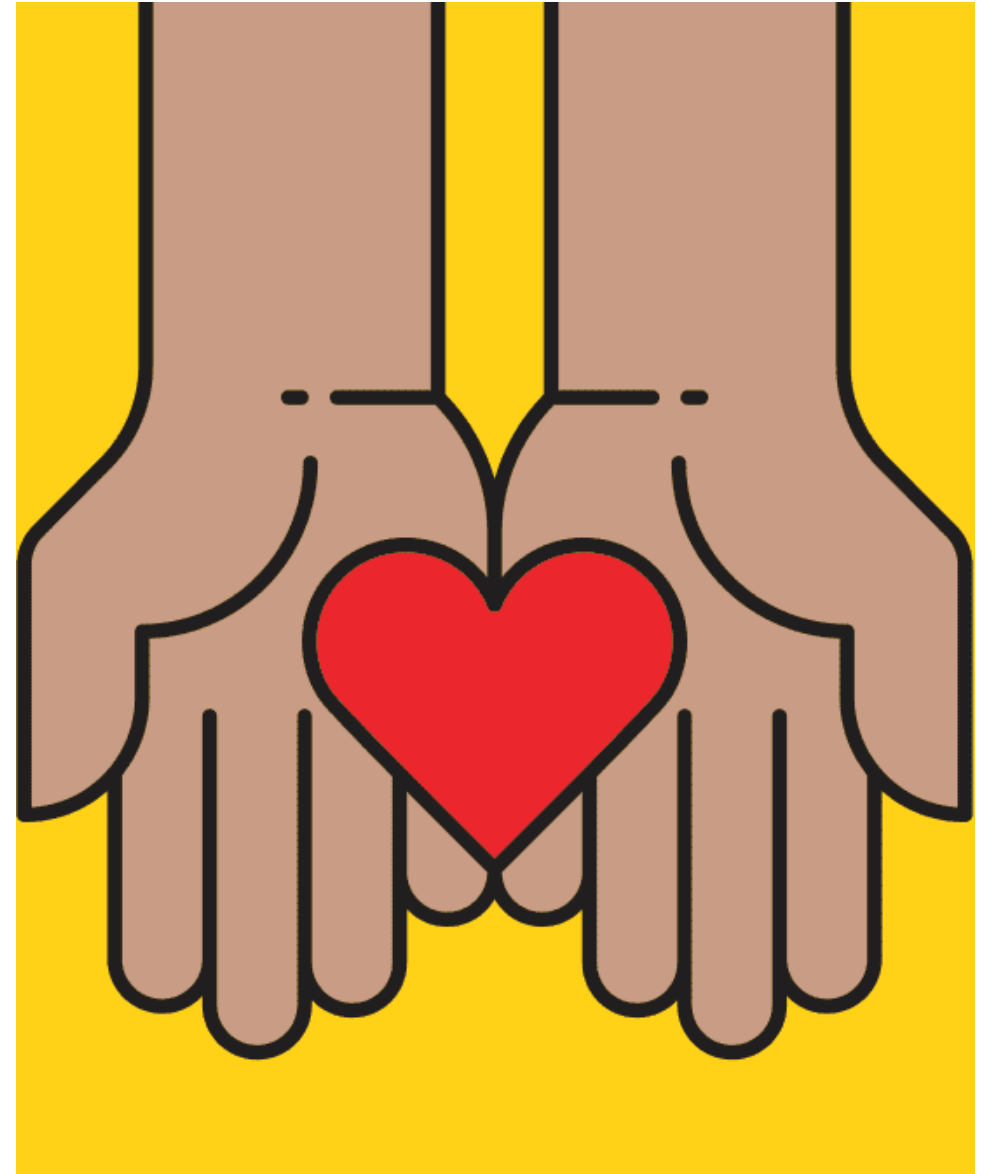
- TDF's vision is to foster resilience in students of color through transformative educational experiences that promote critical thinking and innovation.
- Our mission is to grow problem solvers and entrepreneurs by providing and supporting scalable and sustainable programs for students of color.



Giving Back

Since 2015, The DRANREF Foundation has contributed \$23,745 to organizations promoting education and community engagement, including:

- Urban League of Hampton Roads
- Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Links Foundation Scholarship Fund
- Junior Achievement of Maryland
- Organization for Black Scientists
- Pink Hat Tea Scholarship Fund
- Global Scholars Foundation
- Covenant House Greater Washington





The Abacus Project

The Abacus Project is the signature program of The DRANREF Foundation.

- Research shows that consistent practice on the soroban (Japanese abacus) improves math fluency, accuracy and speed, concentration and creativity.
- The objective of The Abacus Project is to use this evidence-based instructional tool to measurably reduce the achievement gap in under resourced communities.



The DRANREF Foundation

Teach. Transform. Triumph.

2015

Foundation established

VDOT Partner and fiscal sponsor for the Inaugural Hampton Roads Transportation Career Expo. 800 students, 26 schools in attendance.

2016

Abacus Project born

First session held at Cleveland ES in DC. 40 fourth grade students served. Partnered with VDOT for 2nd Career Expo with 1,100 students attend. Created STEM Entrepreneurship curriculum for high school summer camp.

2017

DCAHES Partnership

DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative helps opens the doors to DC public schools. 6 schools register for abacus sessions. Created TECH Entrepreneurship curriculum for high school summer camp.

2018

Pilot Program Funding

Local grant from Neighborhood and Community Services to implement 12-week Abacus Training Program. 20 students participated. Results promising. 12 DCPS school registered for abacus sessions.

2019

Expanding Horizons

Expanded abacus project curriculum to serve grades K-2. Hired 1st full-time program assistant for foundation support. Conceptualized a wellness component for teachers as part of the professional development offering.

Community Outreach & Engagement

In 2019, TDF served 295 students and 13 teachers. Since inception, TDF has engaged 2,040 students and 130 teachers through The Abacus Project's sessions with students and teacher trainings, curriculum development, and community outreach events.



TDF 2020 & Beyond

- In 2020, DRANREF is shifting its focus.
- We surpassed our 2025 goal of providing and supporting scalable and sustainable programs for 2,025 students to help them become better problem solvers and future entrepreneurs!





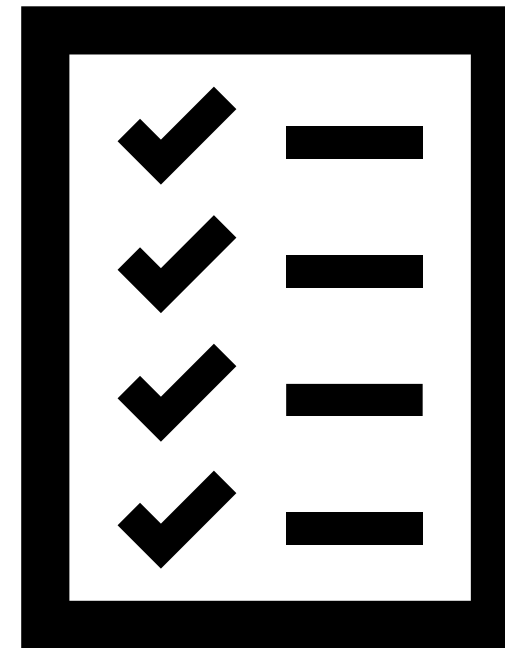
2020-2022 Strategic Planning

TDF's primary objectives will be to:

- Strengthen Foundation Operations
- Close the math achievement gap between black and white students in grades 1 – 3
- Create an Internship/Entrepreneurship Program that produces business start-ups and generational wealth

2020-2022 Strategic Plan: Key Priorities

- Growing Partnerships
- Volunteer Management
- Communications Planning
- Funding Sources
- Technology & Social Media
- Virtual Training
- Research Participation





BTG Associate Support

None of this would be possible with out the support of BTG associates, our dedicated volunteer base.

Their continued support will be key as we work to make an even greater impact on the outcomes of students of color.

“How does BTG Help?”

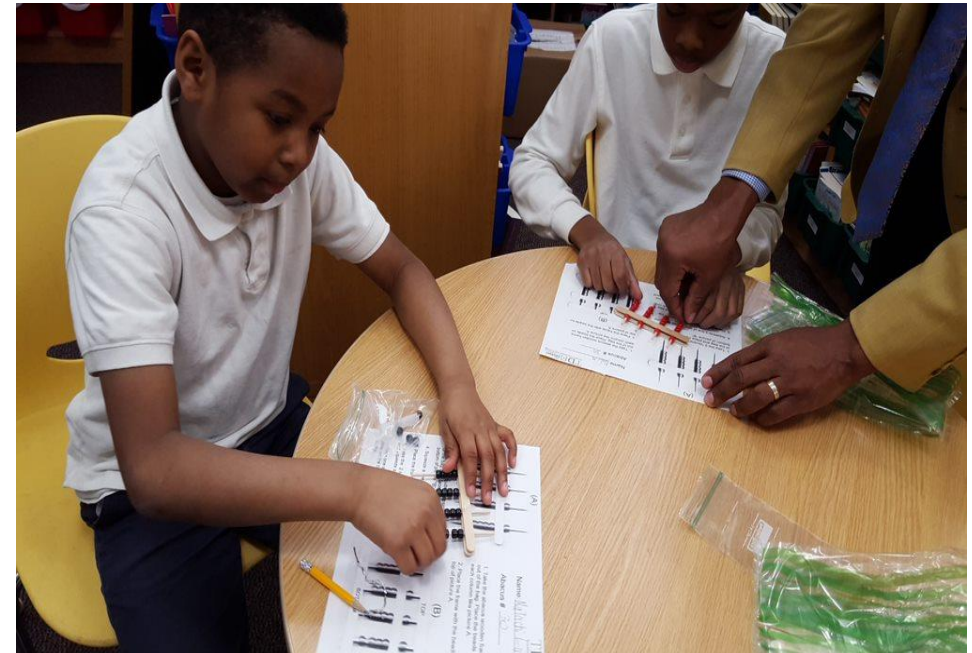
Each BTG associate is allotted 8 hours annually to support DRANREF activities to include the following:

- Relationships – community partners
- Recruitment – target groups, marketing, access
- Rewards – incentives, funding, investment
- Results – data collection and metrics



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Black Kids Count

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

- Albert Einstein