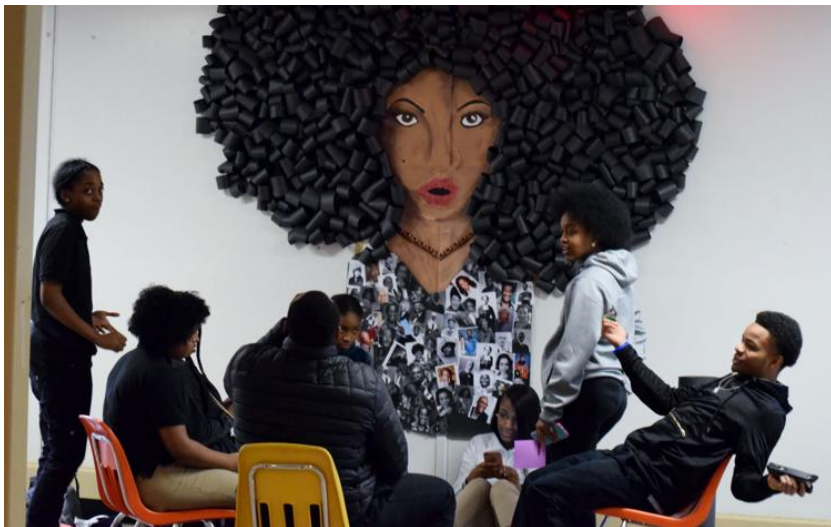


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Newly formed TechReach nonprofit raising money to provide tablets to Pontiac students

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Students work on a project at Pontiac High School, file photo.

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A group of college students from across the country have formed a new nonprofit aimed at providing technology to school districts in Michigan.

TechReach, founded by five longtime friends who grew up in metro Detroit, is looking to launch its pilot program in Pontiac School District this fall. The nonprofit, which has already received startup grants

from the University of Michigan and John Hopkins University, is seeking to harness private donations and business partnerships to pay for the technology and software.


“When all of our sophomore semesters moved online, we felt so fortunate to be able to continue our education with stable internet and laptops. We realized that there were lots of younger students who wouldn’t have this same accessibility, which is now essential for the capability to learn remotely,” Ariana Tagavi, co-founder and an international studies and business student at the University of Michigan, said.

The nonprofit is currently raising funds to provide tablets to over 700 students in Pontiac schools. Each tablet equipped with software costs about \$240. Smaller monetary donations could be used to pay for accessories like keyboards and software licensing.

“Our primary goal is to partner with bigger businesses in Michigan and technology companies like Dell and Acer and provide them an exact breakdown of how they can make an impact in these schools,” JaeYoung Chang, co-founder and a computer science student at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, said.

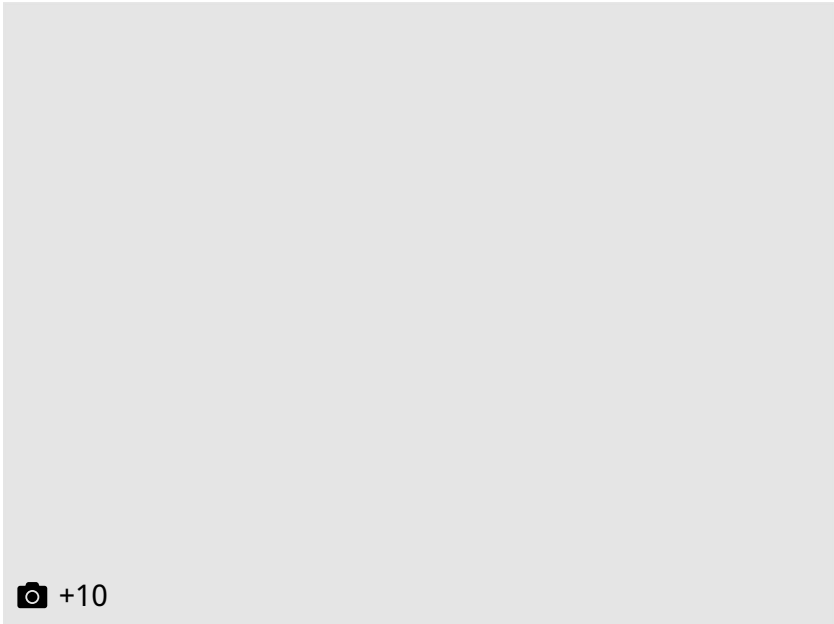
The nonprofit’s other co-founders are: Aroon Prabhu, University of Michigan, Ryan Murakawa, Dartmouth College and Husain Hakim, John Hopkins University.


For more information on the project, visit techreachnonprofit.com or contact the group at techreachnonprofit@gmail.com or by phone at 248-924-8556.



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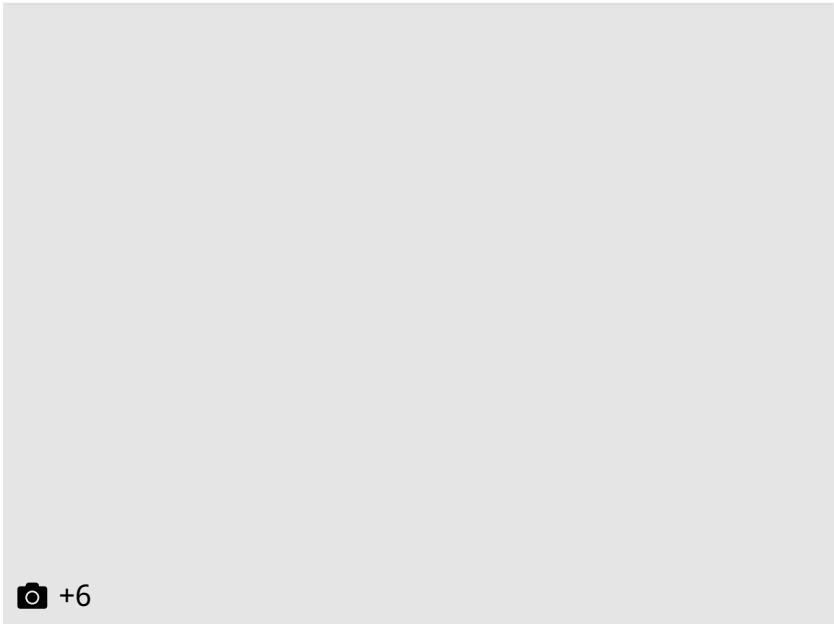
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