

The Rensselaerville Institute has worked alongside communities for 60 years to achieve outcomes that matter to them. Our school and community partnerships start with the idea that local residents in communities have ideas to improve the lives of the children who live there—and the energy to turn their ideas into reality. These folks ignite change—which is why we call them Sparkplugs.

These ideas end with results like walking brigades through tough neighborhoods, carpool in the mornings, mobile food banks, and book clubs. Community Sparkplugs often report their experience leading a project is transformational.

LOWNDES COUNTY, AL

182

182 students used a new outdoor classroom following the demolition of their playground.

SEATTLE, WA

64

"In My Neighborhood" provided a platform for 64 students to express themselves through writing and music.

SHREVEPORT, LA

40

Girls in an alternative school environment were given a chance to participate in cheerleading.

GADSDEN, FL

977

20 students created a garden at their high school, benefiting 977 students

NEW HAVEN, CT

48

48 students were impacted by bright and meaningful murals painted through the school.

LOWNDES COUNTY, AL

100

Families and students from 2nd to 6th grade joined an intramural track program.

ATLANTA, GA

503

In six months, 503 students either improved their reading abilities or learned a new skill.

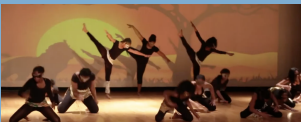
BELL, OK

125

Cherokee Nation volunteers installed a 125-mile water line to provide homes with water.

We invest in community volunteers who turn ideas into action.

830+ communities in over 32 states ● 100% volunteer led and staffed ● 50% of volunteers "re-spark"



"This program just took off because the Sparkplugs exists. I am so excited about it. I'm telling everybody, come up with a dream and apply."

Broadway Babies

Would you like to support a local changemaker?
Let's talk!



Watch our Sparkplugs
in action.