



## "The Shared Humanity Project Changed My Life"



One of our more satisfying efforts this past year has been working with Tiera Bratton (right) to bring her vision to life. Children in vulnerable communities now have access not only to Tiera's wisdom and guidance but also to many aspects of life to which they would never be exposed without her.

Tiera has turned Opportunities for Deserving Children into a vital asset in her community, which is exactly what we seek to nurture with our national plan and in our work with community leaders.

On The Shared Humanity Project, Tiera offers, "The Shared Humanity Project changed my life. Without them I wouldn't have the knowledge and the resources and the network, meeting so many people to aid me along this journey. . . . They provided so many resources and such guidance for me to start where I was and become who I am today." [Hear more of what she has to say here.](#)

## Honoring One of Our Greatest Inspirations

***"We may not end poverty in my lifetime, but we can end it in yours."***

I will never forget when Don Brown said these words to me. Don often shared his belief in the possibility of this work, and his passing just a few years ago left a giant hole for so many of us. Don was one-of-a-kind, a self-made person with few equals, and when he said he believed we could end poverty, it was as if the national plan's engine had been turned on.

Don was uniquely intelligent, hard-working, and courageous, but more than all those traits combined, Don was a person who loved others. He made it one of his life's callings to support causes he believed would best help those who were most vulnerable.

In our many conversations over the years, Don challenged me to never compromise on the mission. “Do whatever it takes,” he would say, and in that sentiment, we were kindred spirits.

As for many who knew Don, he was one of my greatest inspirations. His family has supported The Shared Humanity Project since its start nearly 18 months ago, including a major gift to kick off this Spring campaign. We are inspired by them just as we continue to be inspired by Don. And we are more motivated than ever to make his belief a reality in this nation.

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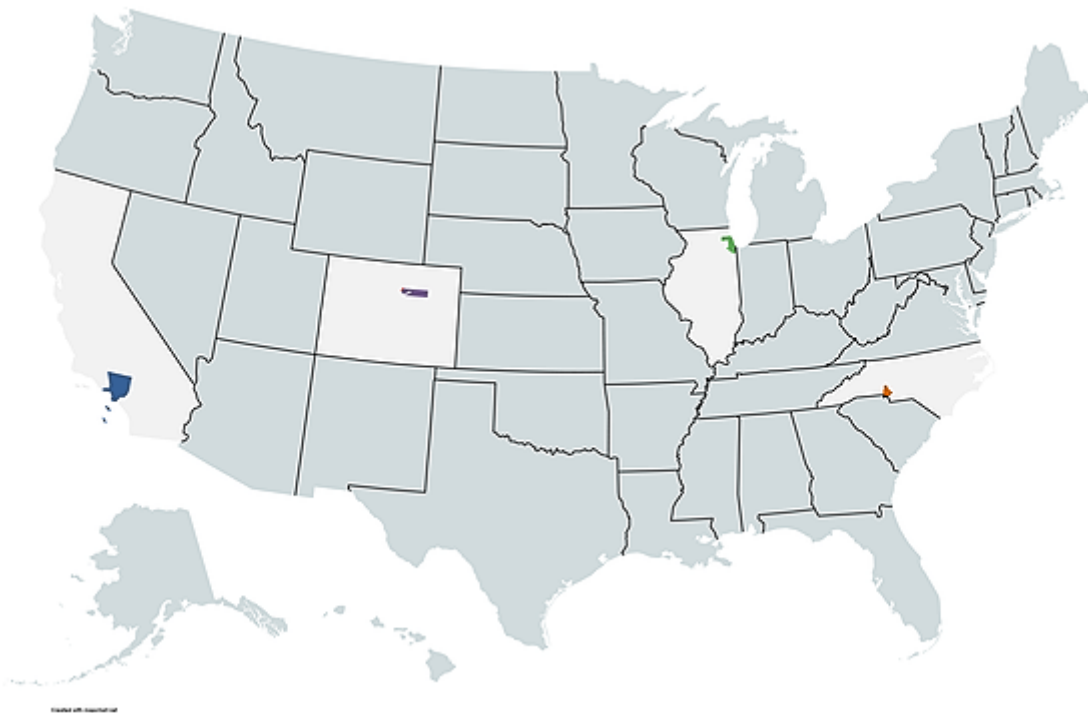
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### Did you Know...

... **Los Angeles County, CA** has **more** people living in need of assistance than any other county in the country. The county with the second most (**Cook County, IL**) has **1.2 million fewer** than LA County.

... A family of four in **Broomfield County, CO** needs approximately **\$75,000/year** to get by without assistance, while in the county directly to its east, **Adams County**, a family of four needs less than **\$53,000**.

... In the northwest portion of **Charlotte, NC**, nearly **30%** of the homes do not have even one computer. In the southern portion of **Charlotte**, that number is only **5%**.



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