



## Jumpstart's Words of Support

How do you solve a national teaching shortage and help disadvantaged preschoolers at the same time? Try Jumpstart. Top 20 Social Organizations in the Country

-- **Fast Company/Monitor Consulting, 2004**

The work that Jumpstart is doing in San Francisco and across the country to level the playing field is beneficial to all Americans because nothing does more to grow our economy, bring money into our treasury and ensure that America remains competitive with the world, than educating the American people.

--**Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Jumpstart shares my passion and understands how critical early literacy skills are to our children's success in kindergarten and beyond. I'm proud to support Jumpstart and Jumpstart's Read for the Record.

--**Mary-Louise Parker, Tony-, Emmy-, and Golden Globe-winning actress**

At heart, I am still a child, and I am honored that Jumpstart's Read for the Record has chosen my book to be part of a campaign that will make a difference in the lives of so many children in low-income communities.

--**Children's author, Eric Carle**

I want you to know, America can be saved one person at a time. You see, this great society of ours can be changed one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time. . . . And these six heroic students, people who have said, 'listen, serving something greater than myself in life is an important part of being a citizen,' have been a part of what's called Jumpstart.

-- **President George W. Bush**

Starbucks is interested in partnering with an organization that can make a difference in a child's life at a time when it is often needed most - pre-kindergarten. Jumpstart has proven itself to be an innovative, effective program that builds school success and future teachers - one child at a time. Starbucks is proud to build a partnership with Jumpstart, an organization that can touch a child, impact a family, and change a community.

-- **Howard Schultz, chairman and chief global strategist, Starbucks**

We get as much as we give through Jumpstart. It engages our students in a deeply personal way with community educational and social issues, ties in strongly with our teacher education efforts, builds the ethic of active citizenship that is one of our major missions, and takes the university's K-12 partnership one important step further, giving us a way to 'grow our own' future students from the very beginning.

-- **Robert A. Corrigan, president, San Francisco State University**

Jumpstart has put performance measurement and management at the core of its culture. The staff, management and the board use the ever-evolving system to continuously improve the impact to the students they serve. Jumpstart defies the stereotype that non-profits cannot measure what they do and sets a standard for the non-profit sector.

-- **Allen Grossman, Harvard Business School**

There is still no job in the world that can match the importance and influence of a great teacher. Through our partnership with Jumpstart, we hope to make a difference in a community we care about by bringing more talented, motivated people into teaching.

-- **Marjorie Scardino, CEO, Pearson**

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Jumpstart's] high quality literacy effort is helping to change the lives of the city's youngest citizens, and is setting an example for effectively building school readiness.

-- **Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Boston, MA**

Since its inception, Jumpstart Boston has proven itself to be an effective tool for promoting healthy childhood development. Additionally, the experience gained by the Jumpstart Corps members . . . is a valuable resource for future leaders in early childhood education.

-- **U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (1932-2009)**

The program provides intensive services to young children at an extremely low cost. I believe the one-to-one attention and intensive tutoring Jumpstart offers these children can help reduce developmental risk factors and prepare the children to enter school ready to learn.

-- **Edward Zigler, Ph.D., Yale University Professor and founder of Head Start**

I've just been talking with a group from Jumpstart and listening to what college students have been able to do by mentoring a four-year-old in a Head Start program, teaching that four-year-old the basics of learning, enabling them to become comfortable with a book, being able to see that they can then go onto kindergarten and the first grade with some of the skills that others have as well. So I am a big supporter...It's going to make a huge difference.

-- **Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)**

In the true spirit of AmeriCorps, Jumpstart unites existing community resources to deliver a high-impact program model that addresses the school readiness problem. Our relationship with Jumpstart has been nothing but exemplary and collaborative, and we are very proud to include them as members in the Massachusetts service network.

-- **Maureen Curley, former executive director, Massachusetts Service Alliance**

Jumpstart's program is a model for youth civic engagement. The children clearly benefit from the one-to-one attention, and the service experience is life-changing for the college students too. They're doing important work, and I am pleased to have seen it first hand.

-- **U.S. Senator John F. Kerry**

Whether we like it or not, a lot of kids in preschool today will not be able to be competitive in college in ten to fifteen years because they don't get a Jumpstart. . . we need to be helping parents, and supporting families, and doing the kind of work Jumpstart is doing - by giving an extra hand to children.

-- **Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton**

Many children do not have early opportunities to develop a love for language, literacy, and learning...Because of the focused, individualized attention you provided as a Jumpstart Corps member, more children will enter school ready to think, ready to learn, ready to succeed. On behalf of those children, I thank you.

-- **First Lady Laura Bush to Jumpstart Corps members**

Jumpstart Corps members have impacted my family by making reading a lot more fun, while at the same time stressing family involvement. I enjoy seeing the look on Adam's face when it's Jumpstart day. This excitement motivates me to plan weekend activities and home projects for us to explore together.

-- **Montré Evans, Jumpstart parent**