



Change Starts Now! **Five Things You Can Do Today**

Help a student.

This is about children and their future. One of the most meaningful ways to give back is by spending time with students and helping them learn. You can do this by signing up at your local school or preschool as a mentor, homework helper or volunteer reader. You'll quite easily change a life, starting with your own.

Get informed.

Learn more about the education issues you care about. Stay current on education news through local and national media. Find websites and organizations that track the issues you care about. Also, check out our blog—Know What?—at DidYouKnowCampaign.com.

Talk it up!

You are the most powerful advocate in your community whether you know it or not. Your friends, family and community members know and trust you. It is your job to talk to them about the importance of education issues. Invite them to the next PTA meeting, your Did You Know house party or to the local school where you volunteer.

Become a citizen activist.

Your government works for you. The only way to ensure that they represent you is to communicate with them regularly and effectively. Know who represents you in the state Legislature, the State Board of Education and your local school board. Call, email and write to them often. You can also attend your local school board and PTA meetings. They do listen. Trust us.

Sign up!

We know you want to give more time and help children succeed—but we also know that life is busy. That's why we send email updates. We will send you brief updates and key opportunities to take action. That way you'll never have to wonder what is going on. Oh, and we know you don't like spam, so you won't get any from us. We don't like it either.