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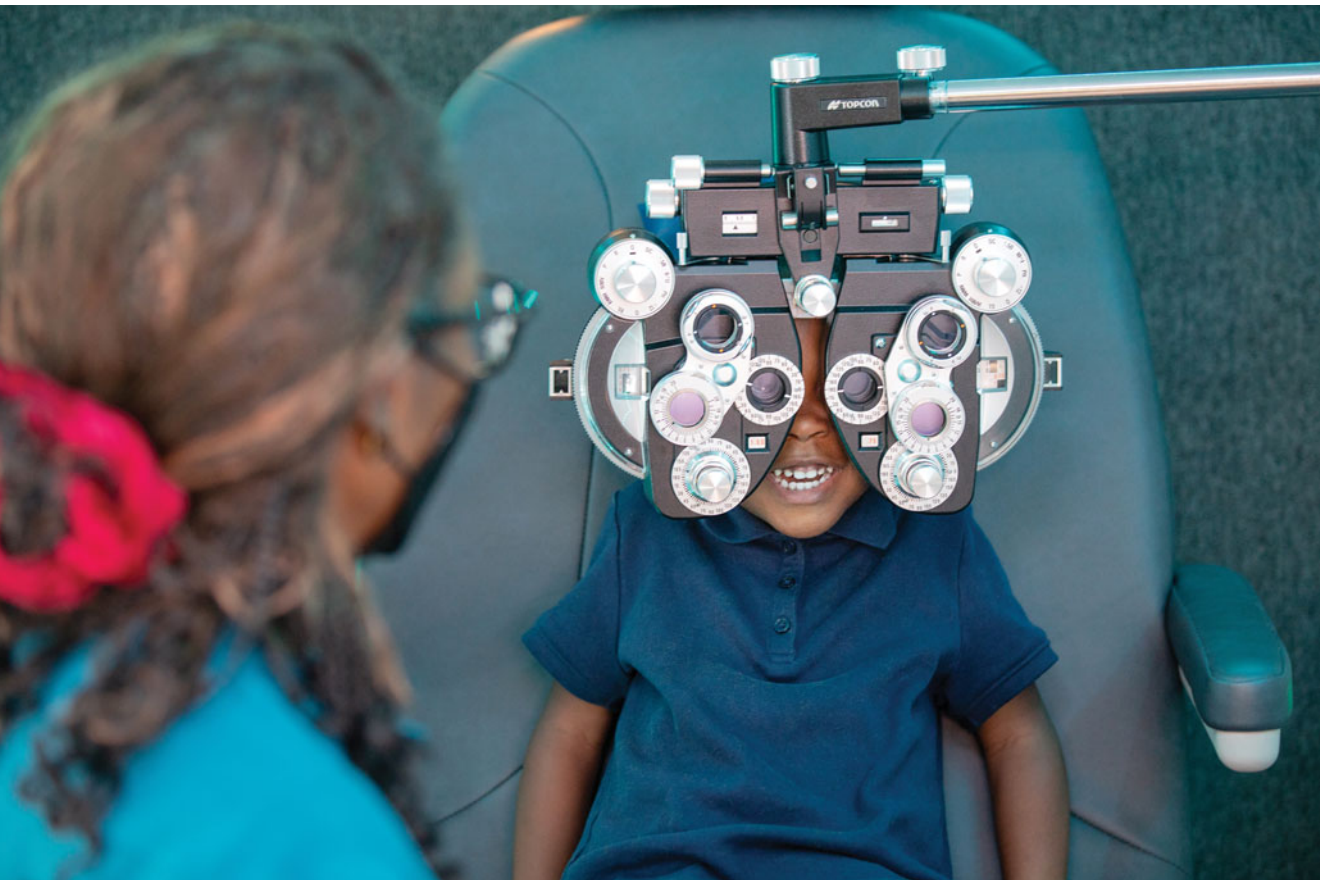


Local Impact

Building partnerships. Following the data. Leading the way.











Driven by our approach to follow the data, identify unmet needs, and engage strong partners, Bloomberg Philanthropies is working to address the challenge of untreated vision impairment – which impacts as many as one billion people globally. Read more on page 56.

Bloomberg Philanthropies' mission is to ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people.

2025 REACH

700	150	$4.3B
cities	countries	annual giving

Saving and Improving Lives Globally

Bloomberg Philanthropies encompasses all of Michael R. Bloomberg's giving, including corporate, foundation, and personal philanthropy. We focus on a series of key areas: **Public Health**, the **Arts**, **Education**, the **Environment**, our work with Cities, which includes **Government Innovation** and our philanthropic consultancy, **Bloomberg Associates**, and special **Founder's Projects**. The vast majority of the profits from Bloomberg L.P., the global financial technology, data, and media company that Mike founded in 1981, go to support the work of Bloomberg Philanthropies. In 2025, we gave away $4.3 billion, bringing Mike's lifetime giving to $25.4 billion.

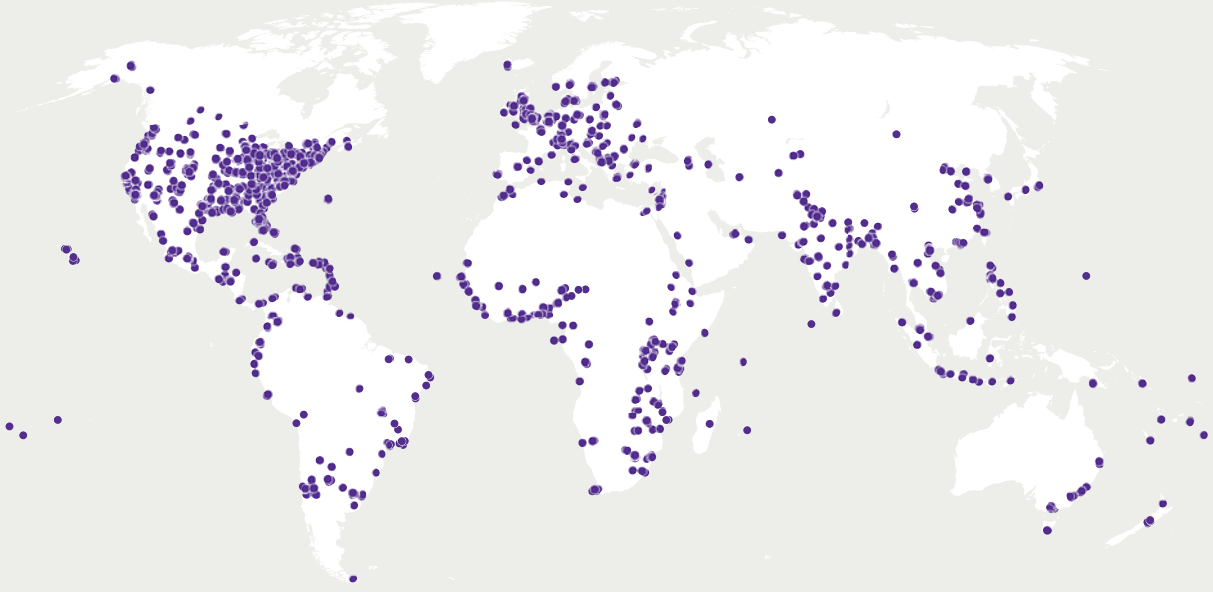


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Founder's Letter on Philanthropy



"A rapidly growing share of the global population lives in cities. When mayors succeed, millions of lives improve."

– MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG

Our company has offices across 69 countries, and all of them are designed in the same way. There are no walls between teams and no private offices, not even for me. Everyone has the same size desk. Central common areas offer snacks and coffee, and bold works of art add color and dynamism.

The purpose of this approach is to bring people together to foster conversation, spark creativity, and share ideas. It has been a central part of our company's culture since our founding in 1981, and it has been part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies' culture since its inception, too. But this open office plan wasn't our invention. In fact, it is rooted in a model nearly as old as recorded history itself: the city.

Cities create a special kind of alchemy. People from different backgrounds and holding different perspectives come together on sidewalks, in public parks, and in markets. They fall into conversation, learn from one another, and find common ground in unexpected places. When our team brought the

open office plan to New York City Hall, reporters could hardly believe it. But there was no more natural place for it. City halls, like the cities they govern, should offer fertile ground for discovery, innovation, and entrepreneurial activity. That can only happen if mayors tear down barriers and create a culture where open communication, healthy debate, and idea-sharing can thrive.

Until recently, however, the dynamic mixing of ideas that defines the best cities has mostly happened within them, not among them. Bloomberg Philanthropies has been working to change that by building something entirely new: a global infrastructure for mayors and local leaders to collaborate with their peers and leading experts. And as global challenges like climate change and public health crises grow more complex, openness is more critical than ever.

Our mission is to help the greatest number of people live better, longer lives – and mayors are natural partners. While national governments are too often gripped by partisan gridlock, mayors don't have the luxury of playing politics. They are responsible for delivering the essential services that people depend on every single day, which tends to make mayors more open to new ideas – and more willing to engage in creative experimentation and risk-taking. We are empowering local leaders to do both through a variety of ways.

Strengthening Leadership

Running a modern city can be more complex than running a major corporation. But executive training, which is common in the private sector, was historically rare in the public sector. Ten years ago, we created the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to change that, and it has since grown into the world's premier training ground for local government leaders. More than 500 mayors and 3,650 senior leaders from across local governments have participated in the program. To expand its impact, we recently launched a similar program for mayors across Europe, in partnership with the London School of Economics and the Hertie School in Berlin.

Elevating Ideas

Throughout each year, we create opportunities for idea-sharing, including CityLab, an annual conference hosted in partnership with the Aspen Institute. It's a chance for mayors, civil servants, and private sector leaders to gather face to face to share ideas, experiences, lessons, and insights. We've also worked to find and highlight creative solutions to difficult problems through the Mayors Challenge, which invites cities to tackle common problems in new ways. In 2026, we announced 24 new winners from 20 different countries, covering everything from affordable housing to flood protection. More than 375 cities have adopted ideas that have emerged from the six Mayors Challenge competitions we've held. Similarly, our Public Art Challenge invites cities to team up with artists to address pressing local issues. To further accelerate the spread of successful models, we recently launched the Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange. Its goal is to find and elevate great ideas and make it easier for more cities to adopt them, including by providing the in-depth information and technical assistance they need to adapt and implement them.

Identifying Unmet Needs

We've seen how some of the most persistent and harmful problems often fail to garner much attention from governments and foundations. One example is road safety. More than one million people die each year in road crashes, mostly in low- and middle-income countries. As cities began pioneering interventions, such as better road design and stronger enforcement, we have helped the policies spread around the world – and encouraged national governments to act, too. Since 2007, we've helped pass nearly 200 road safety measures that together have helped to save nearly one million lives. But there is much more to do. And so this year, we are making an additional investment of $350 million, with the goal of helping to save another one million lives over the next five years.



Above: Mike spoke to the inaugural class of mayors of the Bloomberg LSE European City Leadership Initiative in October 2025.

Using Data

Data can reveal the causes of problems that might otherwise remain invisible. We are helping cities harness and deploy this data, along with artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies. Through What Works Cities and the City Data Alliance, we are giving cities more tools to capture and utilize critical data. To date, 80 cities from 12 countries have participated in the City Data Alliance, focusing on using AI and digitizing city services. Another program, Breathe Cities, is equipping local leaders with precision air quality sensors to zero in on neighborhood-level pollution. The data has given cities the evidence they need to pass lifesaving policies that cut pollution. For example, levels of toxic nitrogen dioxide – which comes from burning fossil fuels, including in cars and trucks – have fallen by around 14 percent in participating cities. To build on this progress, we are now expanding the program to more cities worldwide.

Building Networks

Across all of these efforts, we've built a global network of leaders to accelerate the sharing of ideas, information, and lessons, helping good policies and programs spread and scale in ways that benefit millions more people. For instance: The network of colleges and universities that we created through the American Talent Initiative is helping more students from low- and middle-income families apply for, afford, and graduate from many of the nation's best public and private institutions. And through the Partnership for Healthy Cities, more than 70 mayors are leading the charge against noncommunicable diseases like cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, proving that death from these illnesses can be prevented.

A rapidly growing share of the global population lives in cities. When mayors succeed, millions of lives improve. When leaders collaborate across borders, progress accelerates. The idea that leaders can and should mix as freely across countries as people mix across neighborhoods is no longer theoretical. It is happening. With every shared idea, every tested innovation, and every life saved, we see the benefits of cooperation and collaboration.

Cities have always been places where the future is built. And in a century that will be shaped by urban growth and global challenges, empowering mayors and local leaders is one of the most effective investments we can make.



Michael R. Bloomberg

CEO Letter on Philanthropy



"Across all our areas of work, we look for unmet needs, rely on data, and invest in organizations and people with bold ideas and big ambitions — including the next generation of leaders."

– PATRICIA E. HARRIS

As Mike often says, our highest responsibility is to build a better world for our children and future generations. That belief guides every decision we make at Bloomberg Philanthropies as we work to fulfill our mission of saving and improving the greatest number of lives.

One of the most important ways we do this is by investing in the next generation of leaders. We recently had the opportunity to hear directly from one, Darren Baine, who joined a meeting of the full Bloomberg Philanthropies team to talk about a project he organized through our Youth Climate Action Fund. A talented young entrepreneur, Darren brought together more than 60 young people for a hackathon in Ontario, Canada, to come up with ways to protect people from local flooding. His leadership, combined with our funding, spurred the development of two new apps that have the potential to save lives: one to alert residents to where floods are occurring, and another to guide the community through what to do in an emergency.

Darren's work in Ontario offers a glimpse into how the Youth Climate Action Fund has empowered young people to pursue projects that address the causes of climate change and the threats it poses to communities. Over the past two years, we have supported nearly 3,000 projects across 98 cities, and more than 100,000 young people have taken part. At the COP30 Local Leaders Forum we hosted in Brazil, we committed to a major expansion of this work — tripling the number of cities where we'll support projects led by young people. In Madrid, during CityLab, our annual gathering of local leaders, we announced a new group of cities where we will help young changemakers tackle climate challenges directly affecting their communities.

As we empower more young people to take on climate change, we're also helping young public health leaders turn their passion into policy change. For instance, through our longstanding partnership with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, we helped convene a Global Young Ambassadors Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, where up-and-coming public health champions came together for workshops and trainings designed to sharpen their organizing and communication skills. We know that 90 percent of adult smokers begin smoking before the age of 18 — and that young people can be the most influential advocates with their peers.

Our largest investments in young people go toward improving public education and opening doors to opportunity. In 2025, we hit a major milestone in that work and surpassed our goal of adding 150,000 high-quality public charter school seats in the United States. We are also providing students with new career pathways. For example, our healthcare-focused high school initiative is preparing students to graduate ready to work in well-paying healthcare jobs that offer

Below: The next generation of public health leaders came together in November 2025 at the Global Young Ambassadors Summit, hosted by our partner, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.



Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use • Nairobi, Kenya

Credit: © Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

opportunities for growth – a model that has the potential to be adopted in other industries, too. And our arts internship program is making it possible for thousands of students to earn money while working at more than 430 cultural organizations, helping them gain real-world experience. Today's intern could be tomorrow's museum executive, curator, or creative director.

As we've worked to expand educational opportunities for young people, we've seen that one of the biggest barriers to learning is also one of the simplest to fix: poor vision. After all, when children can't see the board, they are far more likely to fall behind in class. Through our new global Vision Initiative, we are helping restore sight for people of all ages by expanding access to free vision screenings, cataract surgeries, and eyeglasses for millions of people in low- and middle-income countries and the United States.

Each of these interventions can make a world of difference, as Mike and I saw last fall when we visited an elementary school in Baltimore where students received vision screenings and tried on new glasses, which brought tears to their eyes, and to ours.

Across all our areas of work, we look for unmet needs, rely on data, and invest in organizations and people with bold ideas and big ambitions – including the next generation of leaders. As I hope you will see in this report, we are tireless in finding new and powerful ways of doing that.

Patti Harris

Patricia E. Harris
CEO, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Below right: Our Vision Initiative is expanding access to free vision screenings and eyeglasses for millions of people, including students in four U.S. cities.





Vision Initiative • Washington, D.C.


Vision Initiative • Baltimore, Maryland



Credit: Getty Images

GOVERNMENT INNOVATION & BLOOMBERG ASSOCIATES

Empowering Cities and Improving Lives

More than half of the world's population now lives in urban areas, which puts cities and their leaders on the front lines of addressing today's most complex challenges. Using lessons learned during Mike Bloomberg's time as three-term mayor of New York City, Bloomberg Philanthropies has built a comprehensive approach to strengthening city halls – focused on developing leadership and management skills, building data-driven and innovative cultures in local governments, and generating bold ideas and spreading them on a global scale.

Through our Government Innovation program, we work to strengthen the people, organizations, and ideas that enable cities to deliver meaningful results and build trust with the communities they serve. Our philanthropic consulting arm, Bloomberg Associates, partners directly with cities and the teams that lead them to help solve pressing challenges and implement solutions.

Bogotá, Colombia

We have worked with Bogotá through several programs, helping the city test bold new ideas, improve data use, and transform its downtown.

Replicating Proven Solutions Across Cities

Cities across the world face shared challenges – yet too often lack the support or incentives to test ambitious new approaches. For more than a decade, Bloomberg Philanthropies has worked to help city leaders aim higher, experiment with bold solutions, and then share what proves effective so others can build on that progress.

Central to these efforts is the Mayors Challenge, a competition we launched in 2013 that invites city governments to develop solutions to their most pressing challenges, and helps spread them to other cities around the world. The initiative provides funding, technical assistance, and public recognition to help winning cities test and implement breakthrough solutions. The success of the 2013 launch has prompted five more rounds of competition, including one in 2025, and 62 winning cities have received support to bring their ideas to life. An additional 379 cities have adopted the ideas that proved most successful.

To further accelerate the spread of promising ideas, we launched the Bloomberg Cities Idea Exchange in 2024 as a global platform for replication. The first-of-its-kind effort connects city leaders to learn from each other and provides dedicated support to help them adapt what has worked in other places. It focuses on 12 of the most successful ideas from previous Mayors Challenges and other initiatives – from installing low-cost air quality sensors, to improving school lunches, to digitizing business permitting processes. To date, nearly 1,000 cities from over 90 countries have participated in the Exchange. In 2025, 40 cities launched projects, while 108 cities began actively planning replications.

Helped 379 cities replicate successful ideas from other cities



Lafayette, Louisiana
Repairing broken sewer lines through a new public-private partnership that will enable up to 13,000 new housing units.

Boise, Idaho

Toronto, Canada

South Bend, Indiana

Medellín, Colombia

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Cartagena, Colombia
Providing street vendors with carts that enable digital payments and more effective waste management.

2025 Global Mayors Challenge Winners

In 2025, we launched our largest-ever round of the competition, calling on cities to reimagine core services such as housing, public transportation, and more. A record 633 cities from 112 countries applied, and in February 2026, we announced the 24 winning cities of the 2025 Global Mayors Challenge, who will receive technical assistance and $1 million each in funding to implement and evaluate their ideas.



Pasig, Philippines
Building floating public parks on the city's waterways to reduce flooding and create greenspace.

Kanifing, The Gambia
Using small vehicles to collect waste from hard-to-reach homes, employing youth and cleaning neighborhoods.

Ghaziabad, India
Converting cow dung into white rooftop paint that cools homes, lowers emissions, and creates jobs for women who produce the paint.

Surabaya, Indonesia
Reducing diaper waste in rivers by 40% by incentivizing the use of locally made reusable diapers.



London, United Kingdom

Above: In September 2025, the 30 mayors of the inaugural class of our European City Leadership Initiative came together at Bloomberg L.P.'s European headquarters in London.

Strengthening City Leadership

Strengthening mayoral leadership and the teams mayors lead sits at the heart of Bloomberg Philanthropies' efforts to improve lives through city action. Ten years ago, there were few opportunities for mayors to learn from each other or access leadership development programs. Today, through our city leadership programs, mayors around the world have access to hands-on training, trusted peer networks, and practical tools to help them govern more effectively.

Our work began with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, launched in 2017 in partnership with Harvard Business and Kennedy Schools. The initiative has reached 421 mayors and 615 senior staff, providing intensive executive training and ongoing support to help leaders strengthen management practices and build high-performing teams. We also provide research and student fellowships in city halls, as well as support for new mayors through dedicated onboarding programs – helping them move faster, make better decisions, and avoid challenges that once slowed progress.

Building on the success of this partnership, we expanded the model globally. In Israel, the Bloomberg Sagol Center for City Leadership at Tel Aviv University has served 58 mayors and 114 senior staff since 2022. And the African Mayoral Leadership Initiative, launched with the University of Cape Town and Big Win Philanthropy in 2023, has served 58 mayors and 153 senior staff from 20 countries across the continent.

Credit: Courtesy of African Mayoral Leadership Initiative (top); Idan Canfi (middle)




Cape Town, South Africa


Tel Aviv, Israel

In 2025, we launched our newest mayoral leadership program in Europe in partnership with the London School of Economics and the Hertie School in Berlin. In 2025, the inaugural class of 30 mayors and 363 senior staff from city halls across Europe embarked on a yearlong program focused on strengthening city management, unlocking innovative ideas, and building trust with residents – while creating a lasting network of peers who can continue to support one another beyond the program.

Provided 557 mayors and 3,653 senior staff with executive leadership training since 2017


New York City, New York

Top: Mayors from across Africa gathered in Cape Town in January 2026 for an African Mayoral Leadership Initiative convening. Middle: In February 2026, a new cohort of 20 Israeli mayors came together at the Bloomberg Sagol Center for City Leadership. Bottom: The ninth class of mayors in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative heard from experts in New York City in July 2025.



Above: Members of our City Data Alliance heard from Maryland Governor Wes Moore and Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott during a convening at the George Peabody Library at Johns Hopkins University.

SPOTLIGHT

Recife, Brazil

Debuted an AI prototype to ensure hospitals can prioritize women most at risk of breast cancer for biopsies and treatment.

Charlotte, North Carolina

Reduced application processing times for housing programs from over three weeks to just two days through a new streamlined website.

Medellín, Colombia

Launched a pilot that uses data to connect pregnant women with early prenatal care, addressing delays in maternal health services.

Using Data to Improve Residents' Lives

For over a decade, Bloomberg Philanthropies has helped cities across the world transform their use of data and embed it at the heart of how they govern. In 2025, we continued to help cities harness the next generation of data and artificial intelligence tools to solve problems, improve efficiency, and deliver tangible results for residents.

Our What Works Cities Certification, launched in 2017, has helped to set a new standard for how local governments use data, upgrading and professionalizing data practices in city halls across the Americas and helping them build the skills, practices, and culture needed to incorporate data-driven insights into decision-making. In 2025, 21 cities earned their certification, bringing the total to 117 cities certified to date.

Building on this work, we launched the City Data Alliance in 2022 with Johns Hopkins University to help cities with strong foundations further advance their use of data. As interest in artificial intelligence accelerates, the program is equipping cities to meet the moment, providing intensive support to test and scale responsible uses of AI that improve services and operational efficiency. To date, we have served 80 cities from 12 countries, and our fourth cohort of 15 cities launched in 2025.

Bringing Creativity to City Halls

To help cities better understand and address complex challenges, Bloomberg Philanthropies continues to support small, multidisciplinary teams of experts, known as innovation teams, or "i-teams," embedded in city halls. Inspired by the cross-departmental teams that Mike created in city hall during his administration, these teams bring expertise in data analysis, design, and project management to help cities take on their biggest priorities.

Since 2011, we have supported 115 i-teams in 106 cities that have helped to drive meaningful change, from streamlining permitting processes to drive small business growth, to expanding after-school programs for students to improve educational outcomes, to helping lower-income residents renovate their homes to reduce utility costs and emissions. In 2025, we supported 53 i-teams, including new i-teams in 18 cities across Europe to help them test promising ideas and deliver stronger results for residents.



SPOTLIGHT

Kyiv, Ukraine

Innovation Team

The Kyiv i-team digitized social benefits delivery, reducing processing times by 87% and clearing a 40,000-case backlog – making aid faster and safer for veterans, elders, and displaced residents.

Oakland, California

Innovation Team

The Oakland i-team led the launch of the mayor's "Keep the Town Clean" initiative, which has removed more than 145 tons of illegal garbage citywide through community-led cleanups and a new zero-waste strategy.

Dominican Republic

Special Engagement

In 2025, we partnered with the Dominican Republic government to advance two priorities: growing the economy and reducing bureaucracy. We launched República de Ideas, a national competition that drew 558 innovative proposals from citizens, with seven winning ideas including transforming organic waste into biodegradable plastic and expanding employment for people with disabilities. We also trained over 100 staff and helped launch a digital visa service that cut approval times from weeks to 10 minutes, laying the groundwork for broader digitization efforts.

Building Bonds Between City Residents and City Halls

Mayors frequently cite building trust with residents – especially young people – as one of their biggest challenges. In response, we launched the Youth Climate Action Fund in 2024 to bring city halls and young people together to address pressing local challenges related to climate change. The initiative provides funding and technical assistance to cities to help them support small-scale, youth-led projects that fight climate change and improve the environment and health in their communities.

In its first round, 98 cities supported nearly 3,000 projects, collectively engaging over 100,000 young people. Participants worked with their local governments to create over 250 new green spaces, build 118 composting stations, plant more than 150,000 trees, establish 3,000 community gardens, collect over 325,000 pounds of waste, and more. The initiative is proving how youth leadership can drive tangible climate action – and reshaping how young residents view local institutions, with participants reporting a 21-percentage-point increase in their trust of city government.

Based on this success, we announced a new investment in this work at COP30 in Brazil in November 2025. This additional funding will enable three times more cities – a total of 300 – to engage youth in local climate action.

Engaged 100,000+ youth across 2,968 projects in 98 cities

Below: In Nouakchott, Mauritania, students planted trees outside of their schools to improve air quality and combat urban heat effects.



Nouakchott, Mauritania

SPOTLIGHT

Córdoba, Argentina

Young people built and operated an electric bicycle to collect organic waste from restaurants, diverting one ton of compost each month from landfills while helping café staff improve waste separation.

Kampala, Uganda

Youth launched five small businesses that turn waste into charcoal briquettes, a sustainable energy source – reducing reliance on traditional fuels, lowering emissions, and creating jobs for even more young people.

Montego Bay, Jamaica

Youth created a rainwater harvesting system that became essential in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa, delivering clean water to communities cut off from regular supply.

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Young people transformed an empty parking lot into a light-colored basketball court to combat the effects of urban heat islands and create new public space for the community.

Below left: In Torino, Italy, youth painted city walls with colorful murals calling attention to climate change. Below right (top): Youth created specialized electric bicycles to collect food scraps from restaurants in Córdoba, Argentina. Below right (bottom): Young people transformed a downtown block in Melbourne, Australia, into a three-day pop-up park, bringing over 250 residents together to brainstorm city climate solutions.



Torino, Italy



Córdoba, Argentina


Melbourne, Australia



Above: In October 2025, Mike met students who received new glasses through our Vision Initiative, which is expanding access to free vision screenings and eyeglasses for students across Baltimore.

Partnering Across Baltimore

Beyond the Johns Hopkins campus, Bloomberg Philanthropies has worked in Baltimore for decades, taking a holistic approach to strengthening the community and uplifting its businesses, youth, and local nonprofit organizations. This work is done in close partnership with communities and City Hall, where we also support an innovation team focused on reducing vacant housing and improving public safety. These efforts, combined with local government leadership and policies, have had a huge impact. For example, after collaborating on violence prevention strategies, Baltimore's homicide rate reached a 50-year low in 2025, dropping 62 percent since 2019.

Many of our initiatives are also active in Baltimore – including the Bloomberg Arts Internship, Digital Accelerator Program, Public Art Challenge, and our support for summer learning opportunities and career and technical education. In 2025, we launched a two-year pilot in partnership with Johns Hopkins Hospital and the University of Maryland Medical Center, providing over 100 high school students with classroom learning and on-the-job experience to prepare them for high-demand careers in healthcare immediately upon graduation.

In 2024 and 2025, we supported over 100 nonprofit organizations in the city, which collectively provided 5.1 million free meals, connected 4,452 individuals to employment, repaired or upgraded 2,947 homes for seniors so they can age in place, helped 1,527 people buy their first home, planted 2,400 trees, and removed over 100,000 pounds of trash from city streets.


Credit: Rendering: Present Company

Public Art Challenge • Baltimore, Maryland


10,000 Small Businesses Summit • Washington, D.C.

Since 2017, in partnership with Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses*, we have supported entrepreneurs in the Baltimore area to drive local growth and job creation. Through the program, 785 local business owners have received education, coaching, and technical assistance – helping them collectively generate $991 million in annual revenue and support 12,200 employees across the region. A new report from 2025 found that just six months after completing the program, nearly 70 percent of alumni increased their revenue, and 47 percent created new jobs. In summer 2025, over 70 youth were connected to paid employment opportunities at alumni businesses through a partnership we supported between YouthWorks, a city-run summer employment program, and local nonprofits Urban Alliance and HeartSmiles.

Above (top): Through support from our Public Art Challenge, Baltimore created murals and installations that use light to improve public safety and revitalize the neighborhood, including *Soft Gym* by Wickerham & Lomax, pictured here.
Above (bottom): Mike spoke at the third Goldman Sachs *10,000 Small Businesses* Summit in October 2025, a program we helped to bring to Baltimore.

2024–2025 Impact

We supported over 100 organizations in Baltimore in 2024 and 2025, which collectively made an incredible impact:

5.1M
free meals provided

4,452
individuals placed in jobs

2,947
homes upgraded for seniors

2,400
trees planted

100,000+
pounds of trash removed

BLOOMBERG ASSOCIATES

Founded in 2014, Bloomberg Associates is our philanthropic consultancy that advises cities around the world, using proven best practices and deep experience in municipal government to make them stronger, safer, and more efficient.

Since inception, Bloomberg Associates has helped garner $2.8 billion in city and private investments across 25 cities, collaborating on more than 1,000 projects that improve resident outcomes and bring leaders' visions to life.

1,000 projects | **25** cities

Newark, New Jersey

Over the past several years, we have helped Newark to establish its first-ever Office of Film and Television, creating a formal structure to attract, coordinate, and expand film production across the city. As a result of these efforts, Lionsgate and Great Point Studios invested $125 million in a 270,000-square-foot production complex, marking one of the largest film infrastructure projects in New Jersey's history. We also helped the city secure a $750,000 grant from the state's Economic Development Authority to launch a training program that will create new career pathways into the film industry for residents.

In 2020, we helped launch the Creative Catalyst Fund, the city's first-ever municipal grant program for the arts. In 2025, the fund distributed 156 grants to local artists and cultural organizations, enabling them to deliver programming to schools, community centers, and other public spaces across the city and ensuring all residents have access to the city's growing cultural opportunities. To date, the



Newark, New Jersey

fund has supported more than 5,000 jobs in the arts and generated more than $178 million in annual economic activity.

Our team has helped the city revitalize its downtown and attract new businesses through an initiative that provides financial assistance to businesses that relocate to downtown retail spaces. We also helped deliver Newark's Strategic Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, including the Hope Villages – an innovative housing community that helps move residents off the streets and toward permanent homes. In the plan's first year, unsheltered homelessness fell 57.6 percent, and overall, the city has seen a 20 percent reduction between 2022–2025.

Phoenix, Arizona

Bloomberg Associates is supporting the city of Phoenix to transform a former department store building into a state-of-the-art workforce training and education center. Our team worked with the city to create its funding and program strategy, including securing $22 million in development financing and establishing partnerships with Arizona State University and the Maricopa County Community College District. The facility will expand local access to quality jobs and training in industries including bioscience, healthcare, and information technology while serving as a catalyst for investment in one of Phoenix's most underserved corridors.

Our team is also addressing the growing threat of extreme heat in Phoenix, which saw its two hottest years on record in 2024 and 2025. With our support, the city developed a master plan that uses data and 3D modeling to pinpoint the places where shade is needed most, guiding efforts to plant 27,000 trees and create 500 shade structures. Phoenix was also the winner of our 2025 Public Art Challenge, which created art installations throughout the city that provide shade and cooling effects.

Below left: Newark secured federal funding to launch a new tree-planting campaign in 2025 with Bloomberg Associates' support. Below right: Our team helped to create a design guide to inform sustainable, responsive development along the Rio Salado, which runs through Phoenix.



Phoenix, Arizona



London, United Kingdom

Above: Bloomberg Associates helped London plan a one-day pilot that closed Oxford Street to vehicle traffic in September 2025.

London, United Kingdom

Bloomberg Associates has long worked with London to accomplish a number of priorities, from strengthening the city's digital services and data infrastructure, to building a comprehensive plan to address homelessness, to connecting 100,000 young Londoners to high-quality mentorship opportunities. In addition, our team supported a voluntary energy efficiency program that provided 500 businesses with free energy audits and technical assistance, helping them reduce energy costs by an average of £2,800 annually. Based on its success, the city has expanded the energy efficiency program to nearly 300 additional businesses and 1,500 National Health Service doctors' offices.

In 2025, we helped develop a long-term plan to make Oxford Street – one of London's busiest and most iconic corridors – more pedestrian friendly as part of efforts to drive economic growth while reducing harmful air pollution from vehicles. To build public support, the team designed a one-day event that closed the street to traffic, transforming it into a vibrant public space filled with live music, pop-up shops, and food stalls – drawing 50 percent more foot traffic than the same date last year. The team will continue to support the city's implementation strategy with detailed design guidance, community engagement, and mobility planning.

We partnered with the Greater London Authority to create Data For London – a next-generation technology platform that brings together more than 5,000 datasets into a single hub to help policymakers, researchers, and community groups better leverage data on air quality, housing, and public safety. The platform will enable stronger data sharing and accountability across all 32 boroughs of the city to improve resident outcomes and quality of life.

Westminster, United Kingdom

As part of our team's work in London, we have partnered with the Westminster City Council to strengthen the borough's local economy and public services. For example, our team worked with the City Council to launch a network of primary, nursery, and special schools that now serve over 3,000 students each year. In addition to our continued support to revitalize a key retail corridor on Harrow Road, in 2025 we conducted an in-depth analysis of Westminster's six public street markets, which informed the creation of a new centralized Street Markets Service.

With our support, the service is developing a transformational plan that will use data collection and market studies to strengthen business success, enhance customer experiences, and ensure Westminster's markets are among the most vibrant and well-managed in the city.

Bratislava, Slovakia

Our team continued its work with the city of Bratislava, helping the city launch its Mayor's Climate Challenge, which brings major employers together to cut energy use while increasing renewable energy adoption. Now in its second year, the program includes 17 businesses and helped reduce energy use across commercial buildings by nearly 10 percent in 2025, lowering emissions and operating costs.

This year also marked a major milestone for safer streets, as Bratislava completed its most ambitious street redesign in decades, adding protected bike lanes, wider sidewalks, and new public space to address longstanding safety and traffic concerns in a key downtown corridor.

Bratislava strengthened its focus on young people and families by hosting the second *Start With Children* conference, which brought together more than 500 city leaders and advocates from across Europe. With our assistance, the city also launched its first Student Welcome Weekend, helping Slovak and international students connect to city life and supporting long-term efforts to retain young talent.

Lisbon, Portugal

In Lisbon, we are focused on helping the city strengthen the economy and position itself as a center of innovation. In 2025, Bloomberg Associates supported the city in developing its five-year Proximity Economy Strategy, which focuses on creating vibrant commercial districts, strengthening local businesses, and building partnerships and collaborations. We are working closely with the city's Economic Development team to implement key elements of the plan. We also helped create the Lisbon Economic Dashboard, a new public platform that centralizes city-level information on business activity, employment, real estate, tourism, and more. It is the fourth economic dashboard we have created for client cities, and will help Lisbon better use data for smarter, more responsive governance.

Below left: We helped Bratislava organize the third annual Mulchfest, which engaged residents to recycle yard waste into garden mulch for city parks. Below right: Bloomberg Associates is working with Lisbon to support shop owners in the city's historic center.



Bratislava, Slovakia



Lisbon, Portugal

Credit: Shutterstock (right)



Above: We helped Ottawa open three new vibrant public spaces in summer 2025 as part of efforts to revitalize its downtown.

Ottawa, Canada

Since 2024, we have worked with Ottawa on several projects, with a particular focus on revitalizing its downtown area. We helped the city design and launch its new Street Seats program, which transformed underused curbside areas into lively public spaces along Bank Street, a major commercial corridor. Three spaces opened in summer 2025 and collectively hosted 166 events – from live music to art tours to fitness classes – drawing over 2,500 residents. Based on the overwhelmingly positive response, the city plans to expand the initiative to additional locations in 2026 with Bloomberg Associates' guidance. We are also working with the city to develop a business plan for the city's first-ever sound stage as part of efforts to strengthen Ottawa's position as a world-class destination for film and television production.

Guadalajara, Mexico

This year, Guadalajara became our newest client city, where we are working on projects that address homelessness, government transparency, and public spaces. The team is engaged in the city's Care Communities initiative, which aims to launch one-stop neighborhood centers that connect residents to health, social, and employment services. In addition, our team is guiding the city's first-ever full count of its homeless population, helping officials collect the data they need to design and implement effective interventions. In preparation for Guadalajara being a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, we are leading work to revitalize major public spaces to enhance safety, accessibility, and visitor experience.

Credit: Capital Content for the Centretown BIA

Milan, Italy

Our engagement in Milan concluded at the end of 2025 after working with the city to complete 78 projects since 2018, all of which focused on driving economic growth, sustainability, and quality of life across the city. This includes assisting with the development of Milan's €15 million strategy to strengthen local economies, including the launch of a €5 million fund to support small businesses and social enterprises that enliven neighborhoods – part of the city's goal of ensuring that all residents live within a 15-minute walk or bike ride to essential daily services. Our team also helped the city lay the groundwork for its goal of planting three million trees by 2030 to mitigate extreme heat and air pollution, providing satellite imaging to target tree-planting in the hottest and most polluted areas. To date, the city has planted 611,459 trees.

As part of its plans to prepare for the 2026 Winter Olympics, the city focused on reclaiming and revitalizing public spaces and promoting active mobility. We helped the city design and launch Play Places, a program that brings games, sports equipment, and other materials to temporarily transform streets near schools into safe, recreational spaces for children and families. The program builds on the city's Piazza Aperte program, also developed with our support, that has converted over 100,000 square feet of city streets into pedestrian-friendly plazas.

78
projects completed

40
plazas transformed into public space

611,459
trees planted to date



As part of our work with Milan to improve pedestrian safety and urban livability, we supported the launch of Play Places, which temporarily transforms streets near schools into safe play spaces for families.



Credit: Olafur Eliasson; Visualization of *A symphony of disappearing sounds for the Great Salt Lake, 2026* | Photo: Studio Olafur Eliasson | Commissioned for Wake the Great Salt Lake. Supported by Salt Lake City Arts Council, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, and the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge; © 2026 Olafur Eliasson

Inspiring Communities Through Arts and Culture

The arts have the power to inspire, uplift, and improve people's lives – and investing in them is essential to creating strong, flourishing communities. During Mike Bloomberg's time as mayor, New York City was the largest single funder of arts and culture in the country, including supporting more than 500 works of public art and helping to revitalize the city in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Today, we continue to build on that legacy. Bloomberg Philanthropies' Arts program invests in artists, cultural institutions, and audience experiences to strengthen the creative landscape and quality of life in cities around the world.

Salt Lake City, Utah

As a winner of our Public Art Challenge, Salt Lake City is creating installations that call attention to the rapid drying of the Great Salt Lake, including one by Olafur Eliasson.



Above: The National Portrait Gallery in London is one of over 1,400 organizations with guides on the Bloomberg Connects app.

Connecting Audiences to Cultural Organizations

Beginning with audio guides in the 1990s, we have helped cultural organizations use technology to better engage audiences. In 2019, we advanced this work with the launch of Bloomberg Connects, a free mobile app. Created in partnership with engineers and designers at Bloomberg L.P., the app provides digital guides with in-depth content from museums, historical sites, botanical gardens, and other cultural institutions around the world. Over the past seven years, Bloomberg Connects has grown enormously – from three English-language guides in New York City in 2019, to over 1,400 guides in 47 countries and 57 languages in 2026. Bloomberg Connects has over 7.8 million lifetime users and is constantly growing. In 2025, we released a mobile browser version along with improved accessibility – reaching even more people with world-class content.

Right top: Visitors used Bloomberg Connects to learn about *Earthcake* by Ana Prvacki at DT15 Promenade Station, part of LTA Art In Transit Programme, Singapore's largest public art project that showcases installations from local artists in 112 of the city's subway stations. Right bottom: Bloomberg Connects featured guides to Frieze Sculpture 2025, a free outdoor art display at The Regent's Park in London.



LTA Art in Transit • Singapore

Featuring free guides to 1,400+ cultural institutions

Bloomberg Connects

Download the app here



Frieze Sculpture • London, United Kingdom

Credit: Frieze Sculpture 2025, London. Photo by Alistair Veryard.

Helping Arts Organizations Harness the Power of Technology

Launched in 2021, the Digital Accelerator Program strengthens the capacity of arts and cultural organizations – bringing together our support for the arts and our belief in the power of technology. Developed in response to the pandemic to help arts and cultural institutions improve their digital infrastructure, the program supports organizations in using technology to grow revenue and audience engagement, deliver dynamic programming, and strengthen operations. Through the program, organizations have upgraded their websites and ticketing services, improved digital archive content, created mobile performance studios, and more. The first 98 institutions we supported collectively increased their revenues by $52 million, reached over 23 million new audience members, and engaged 4,443 new artists and partners. Based on this success, we expanded our support to nearly 200 more organizations across the United States and United Kingdom in 2024, bringing the total to nearly 350 organizations to date.



SPOTLIGHT

Roundabout Theatre Company

New York City, NY

After creating a new in-house ticketing service, the organization has grown its ticketing fee revenue from $150,000 to over $9 million.

FACT Liverpool

Liverpool, UK

Through upgrades to its multidisciplinary artists' studio, the center now engages 270 artists a year, up from four, and has generated more than £180,000 in new revenue and fundraising.

Colonial Williamsburg

Williamsburg, VA

The museum created a centralized digital archive of historic papers and research reports, expanding public access and driving a 90% increase in visits to the website.

Credit: Courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation



Above: In August 2025, interns came together to celebrate and share their experiences working at cultural organizations in New York City.

Expanding Opportunities in the Arts

Bloomberg Philanthropies launched the Bloomberg Arts Internship in 2012 as part of our commitment to support cultural nonprofits and engage more young people in the arts. The program provides public high school and college students with summer and year-round paid internships at cultural organizations – helping them build valuable skills for college and careers while gaining exposure to the arts industry. Program outcomes are strong: Among students who participate in the program, 81 percent report enrolling in college or technical school – nearly 20 percentage points above the national average – and over half of alumni go on to work in the arts and culture industry.

When the program launched in 2012, it placed 25 students in internships in New York City.

In 2025, the program placed 433 students in internships at 230 cultural institutions and nonprofits in Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. To date, the program has placed over 2,300 interns at over 430 cultural nonprofits – and will expand even further next year to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Impact: Bloomberg Arts Internship

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alumni go on to work in the arts and culture industry

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2025 Public Art Challenge Winners



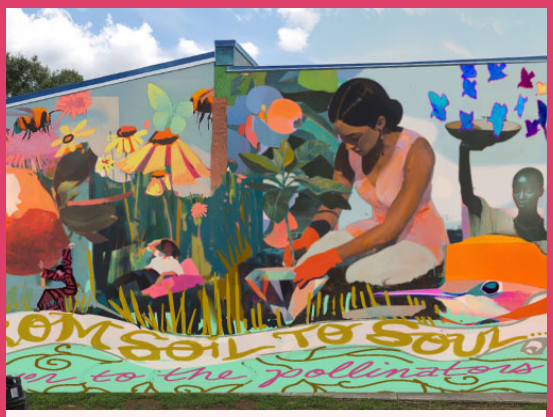
Artist: Chloe Alexander • Atlanta, GA

Addressing disparities in healthcare through performances, murals, events, and festivals.



Artist: Phaan Howng • Baltimore, MD

Improving public safety with installations that use light to increase visibility and revitalize the Station North Arts District.



Artist: Mado Smith • Orlando, FL

Raising awareness about food insecurity and promoting healthy eating through murals, sculptures, and events including cooking classes and gardening workshops.



Poetry by Ursula Rucker • Philadelphia, PA

Helping communities heal from gun violence through art installations, poetry workshops, and a new crisis hotline.

Sparking Collaboration through Public Art

Art has the ability to unite people and call attention to critical issues. Bloomberg Philanthropies' Public Art Challenge leverages that power, bringing together mayors, artists, and community members to develop public art projects that focus on local challenges and work to address them. There have been 17 winning cities across three rounds of competition. In 2025, the eight winning cities from the current round of the Public Art Challenge all launched new projects, including collaborations with world-renowned artists Olafur Eliasson (in Salt Lake City) and Derrick Adams (in Baltimore).



Artist: Rocky Ka'iouliokahihikolo'Ehu Jensen • Honolulu, HI

Bringing to life Indigenous history through 11 installations and murals in popular tourist spots throughout the island of O'ahu.



Artists: Outspoken Bean and Chris Robinson • Houston, TX

Changing perceptions of homelessness through murals in the Midtown Business District, a film, and employment and social service support.



Artist: Bobby Zokaites • Phoenix, AZ

Addressing extreme heat through nine sculptures in public parks that provide shade and cooling effects.



Artist: Oscar Tuazon • Salt Lake City, UT

Raising awareness about the impacts of the rapid drying of the Great Salt Lake through 13 sculptures, performances, and murals.

Impact To Date: 2025 Winners

24M
residents viewed

336
artists and creative professionals engaged

$10.3M
in economic activity generated



Supported 100 asphalt art projects across North America and Europe

At the Crossroads of Art and Safety

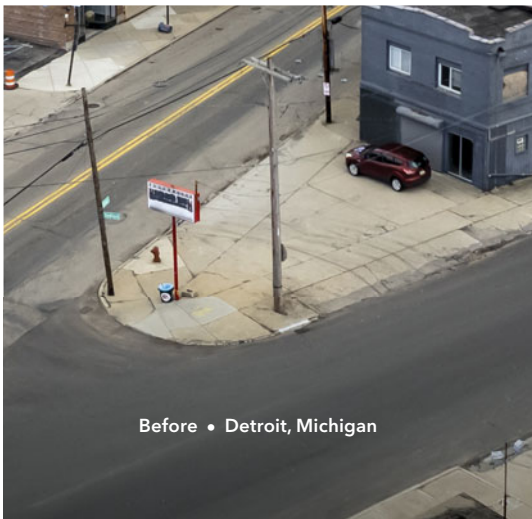
Inspired by the Bloomberg administration's groundbreaking transformation of Times Square into a pedestrian plaza, we continue to support cities to use public art to make streets, pedestrian areas, and public infrastructure safer and more vibrant. Launched in 2019, Bloomberg Philanthropies' Asphalt Art Initiative has supported 100 projects in cities across North America and Europe, helping them use arts-driven roadway redesigns to improve street safety, revitalize public spaces, and engage communities. Evaluations of many cities have shown strong results, including declines in crashes and speeding, and increases in vehicles yielding to pedestrians – and an additional 200 projects have been implemented, inspired by our initiative.

In 2025, we increased the size of our grants for 10 new projects across North America, with the goal to deliver even more ambitious projects and results. The winning cities have already begun to install their projects, and are receiving technical assistance and evaluation support from our Bloomberg Associates' teams and other external partners.



With our support, Detroit installed a mural at the busy Lahser Triangle, creating 1,700 square feet of new public space and adding two new crosswalks.

After • Detroit, Michigan



Before • Detroit, Michigan

Partnering with Cultural Institutions

Bloomberg Philanthropies is one of the world's largest philanthropic funders of the arts – each year, we support more than 1,800 cultural institutions around the world, in addition to partnerships with dozens of artists and major art gatherings, including the rotating art and architecture Venice Biennales. We work with arts and cultural institutions to strengthen their operations, present new programming, and reach wider audiences – helping them build long-term sustainability and connecting more people to the arts in cities around the world.

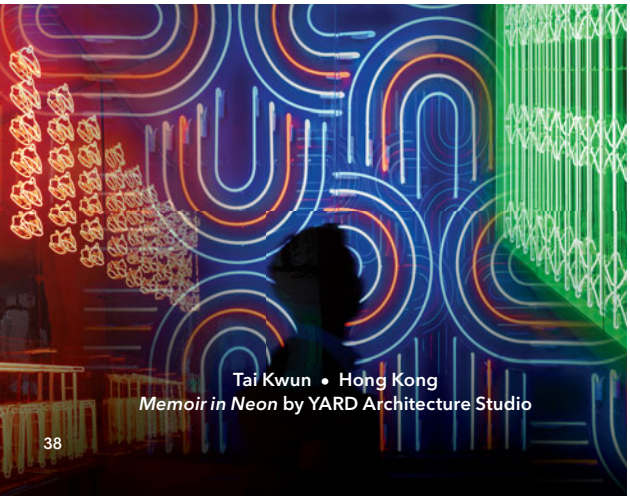
Supporting the Arts in London

London is one of the world's cultural capitals, and Bloomberg Philanthropies is a longtime supporter of programs and partners across the city, including Serpentine, the world-renowned nonprofit art institution located in the city's historic Kensington Gardens. Known for pioneering exhibitions of established and emerging artists, architects, and designers, Serpentine has a strong reputation for innovation and welcomes over 750,000 visitors each year. Mike has supported the institution for decades and began serving as board chair in 2014, while Bloomberg Philanthropies has helped to

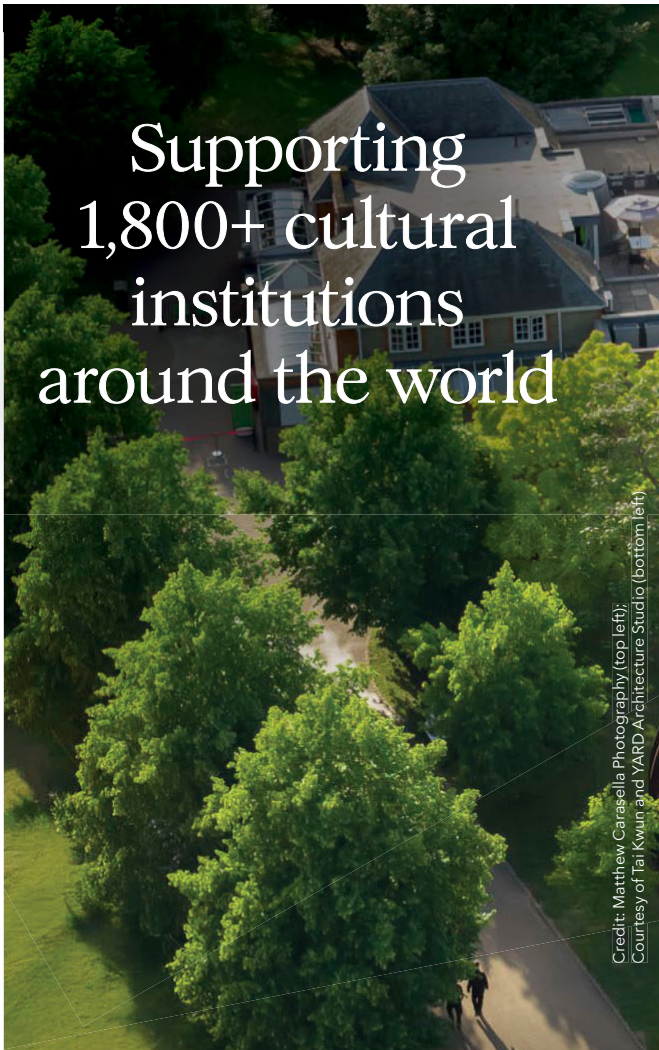
Top left: We supported *Monet and Venice*, New York's largest museum show dedicated to Monet in over 25 years, at the Brooklyn Museum. Bottom left: *Memoir in Neon* is a public artwork on display through 2027 that leads visitors through an imagined streetscape of 19th and 20th Century Hong Kong.



Brooklyn Museum • New York City, New York
Monet and Venice



Tai Kwun • Hong Kong
***Memoir in Neon* by YARD Architecture Studio**



Credit: Matthew Carasella Photography (top left); Courtesy of Tai Kwun and YARD Architecture Studio (bottom left)

bring extraordinary content from Serpentine to audiences around the world through the Bloomberg Connects app.

In London, we also opened an award-winning cultural institution, London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE, which is home to an ancient Roman temple and a remarkable collection of artifacts discovered during the construction of Bloomberg L.P.'s European headquarters. Free and open to the public, it also features a series of contemporary art commissions inspired by the site's archaeological history. Since opening in 2017, London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE has welcomed over 750,000 visitors, launched 17 public art commissions, and won numerous archaeology, design, and architecture awards. In 2025, we donated the site's entire collection of 14,000 Roman artifacts to London Museum, the largest single gift of archaeological material ever received by the museum. A selection of 600 artifacts will remain on display at London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE. The collection features Britain's earliest, largest, and most significant collection of Roman writing tablets, including the earliest known written reference to Londinium. We also supported the London Museum's effort to transform two historic buildings into a vibrant new cultural destination and expand public access to its collection, which is opening in 2026.

Below: In 2025, the annual Serpentine Pavilion was designed by Marina Tabassum and her firm, Marina Tabassum Architects.



Serpentine • London, United Kingdom

Credit: Iwan Baan (courtesy of Serpentine)

25 Years of Leadership at the World Trade Center Site

Elected mayor just weeks after the terrorist attacks that devastated New York City on September 11, 2001, Mike led the city's recovery and helped spearhead the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site. Now a quarter century after the attacks, he continues to serve as board chair for two institutions that proved pivotal in helping to revitalize Lower Manhattan: the National September 11 Memorial & Museum and the Perelman Performing Arts Center (PAC NYC).

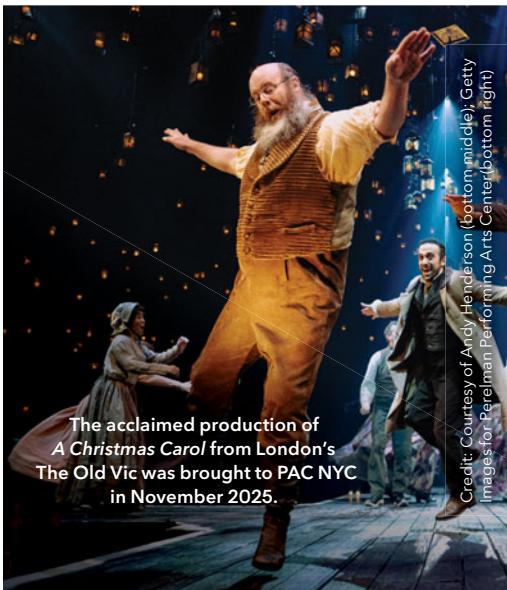
Where the Twin Towers once stood, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum honors the memories of those killed and invites visitors to learn about the history of the attacks and their aftermath. The memorial has welcomed over 95 million visitors — and the museum, over 27 million — since opening in 2011 and 2014, respectively. Together, they form one of the most visited sites in New York City.

In 2023, PAC NYC opened adjacent to the Memorial & Museum — a spectacular work of public architecture that stands as the capstone piece in the Bloomberg administration's original vision for rebuilding the World Trade Center and surrounding neighborhood. As a highly flexible and innovative space, PAC NYC is a home for emerging and established artists working across the performing arts. In its first two years, it has hosted a number of critically acclaimed shows and installations, including Es Devlin's *CONGREGATION*, *A Christmas Carol*, and the Obie Award-winning *Cats: "The Jellicle Ball,"* which has its Broadway debut in 2026.





***CONGREGATION* by Es Devlin opened for the first time in the United States at PAC NYC in 2025.**

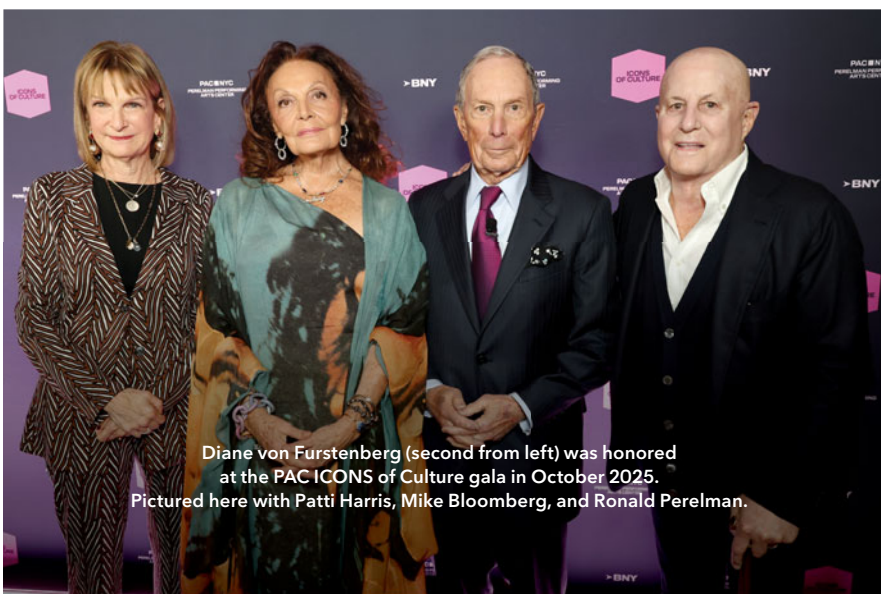


The acclaimed production of *A Christmas Carol* from London's The Old Vic was brought to PAC NYC in November 2025.

Credit: Courtesy of Andy Henderson (bottom middle); Getty Images for Perelman Performing Arts Center (bottom right)

Standing where the Twin Towers once stood in Lower Manhattan, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum make up one of the most visited sites in New York City.





Diane von Furstenberg (second from left) was honored at the PAC ICONS of Culture gala in October 2025. Pictured here with Patti Harris, Mike Bloomberg, and Ronald Perelman.


Crayon
Crayon

Expanding Opportunities in the Classroom

Opportunity starts in the classroom. The belief that every student deserves the chance to get a high-quality education, no matter where they live or how much their family makes, is what drove Mike Bloomberg to run for mayor of New York City in 2001, and is what continues to guide our philanthropic efforts on the issue today.

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Education program works to expand access to educational opportunities for all students, from kindergarten through high school, to college and career training, and beyond.

San Antonio, Texas

Together with partners, we have created over 158,900 new high-quality charter school seats since 2021, including in Texas.

Advancing K–12 Education

Inspired by transformational educational reforms during the Bloomberg administration in New York City that helped increase high school graduation rates by 42 percent, Bloomberg Philanthropies works with partners to promote a stronger model of public education – one based on evidence, centered on students, and governed by accountability and high standards. In 2022, we deepened our commitment to this work by launching an ambitious effort to expand access to high-quality public charter schools across the country, with the goal of adding 150,000 new seats by the end of 2026. In 2025, we surpassed this goal – a year ahead of schedule. To date, we have helped create over 158,900 charter school seats, with more on the way. Alongside strong partners, we continue to help open new and innovative charter schools, strengthen existing ones, attract talented educators, and bolster support for charter school growth at the state and national level.

Invested in 158,900+ new charter school seats since 2022

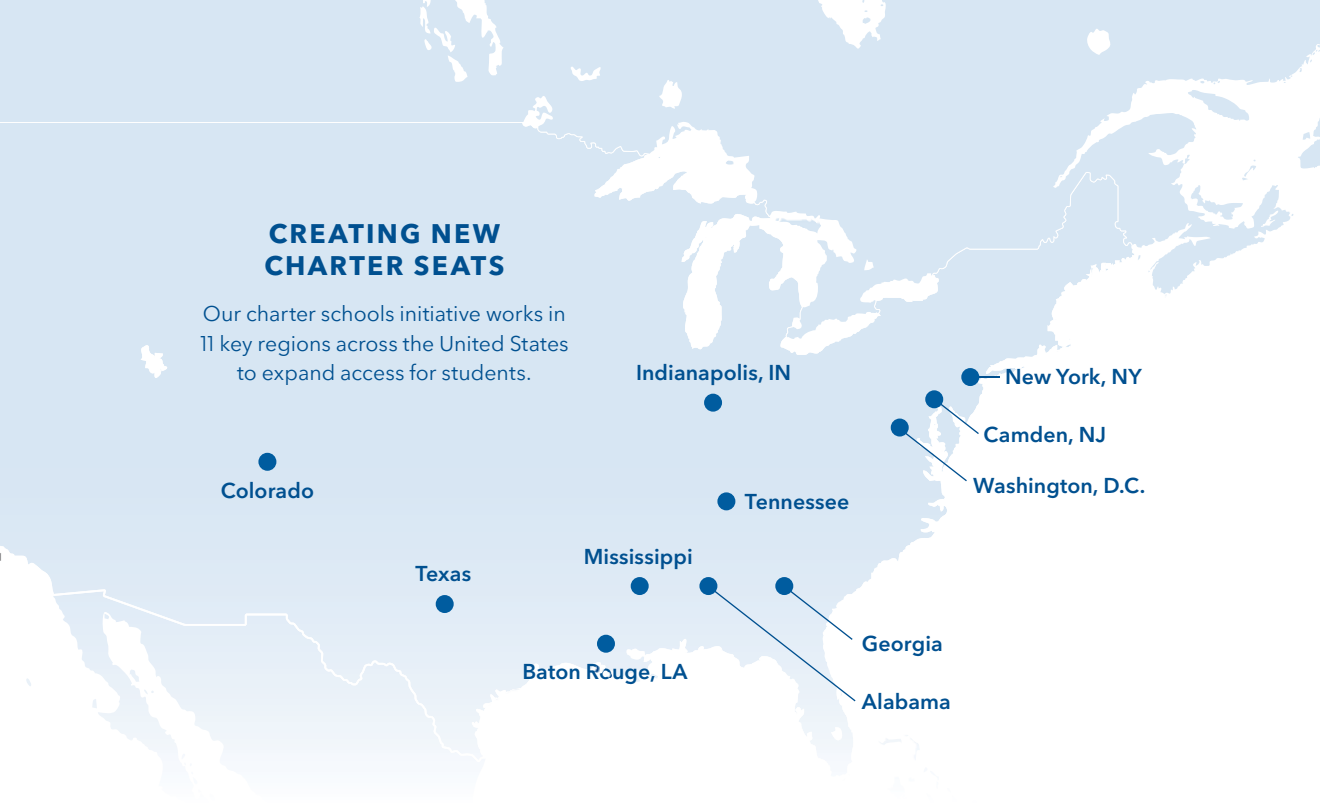
Below: Students at Mundo Verde, a bilingual charter school in Washington, D.C., practiced their math and reading skills. Top right: Building on Mike's legacy as mayor, we continue to support educational opportunities for students in New York City. Bottom right: Students at a BASIS charter school in Texas gained hands-on experience during a science lab.



Mundo Verde • Washington, D.C.

CREATING NEW CHARTER SEATS

Our charter schools initiative works in 11 key regions across the United States to expand access for students.





Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School • New York City, New York



BASIS San Antonio Jack Lewis Jr. • San Antonio, Texas

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Advancing Opportunity with HBCUs

In December 2025, we announced an initiative with City Fund, a trusted nonprofit partner, to create new public charter schools in partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). These schools' long legacy of empowering students and building community will establish strong pipelines to college and career success. The first school supported by this initiative, I Dream Big, opened in August 2025 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in partnership with Stillman College, while D.C. Wolfe Charter School will open in fall 2026 in Shorter, Alabama, in partnership with Tuskegee University.



Above: Students at Central Queens Academy in New York City improved their math and English proficiency through our Summer Boost program.

Expanding Summer Learning Opportunities

We also launched a summer education program for charter school students in 2022. Originally designed to address pandemic-related learning loss, Summer Boost helps ensure that rising first- to ninth-graders continue to make academic progress in math and English while providing engaging enrichment opportunities during the summer. First launched in New York City, the program now serves students in 450 charter schools in seven U.S. cities: Baltimore, Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville, New York City, San Antonio, and Washington, D.C. During summer 2025, over 39,000 students participated in Summer Boost programming, and independent evaluations continue to show the program's success: the percentage of students meeting proficiency in math nearly doubled at the end of the program, and more than doubled in English.

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Global Cities

We also partner with Global Cities, whose flagship Global Scholars youth engagement program connects students ages 10 to 13 with peers worldwide in digital classroom discussion boards. Project-based curricula allow students to collaborate and build the skills necessary for success in an increasingly interconnected world. The program has reached nearly 140,000 students from 126 cities in 39 countries since 2013, and more than 750 educators through its professional development program.

Provided summer learning to 39,000+ charter students in 2025



Above: Students in Richmond, Virginia, participated in an extended school year program that we supported as part of efforts to address pandemic-related learning loss.

2025 Summer Boost Assessment Results

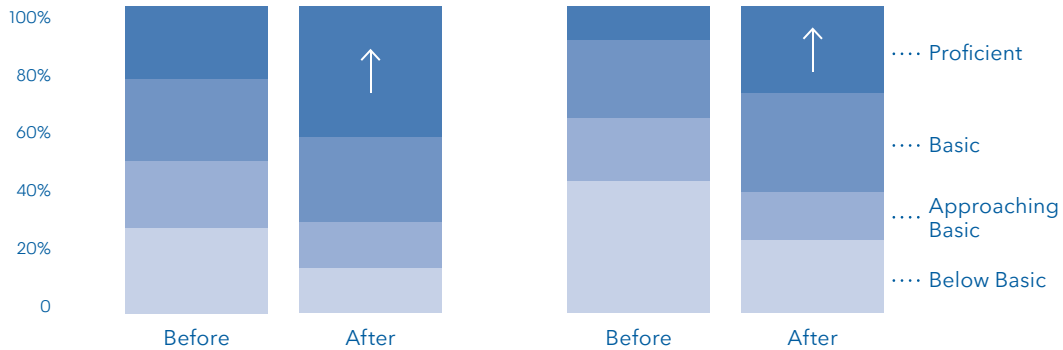
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18.9

percentage point increase in math proficiency

17.2

percentage point increase in English proficiency



Preparing Students for 21st-Century Success

Bloomberg Philanthropies has long supported programs that prepare students for jobs in growing fields, with the goal of creating economic mobility and career opportunities. Today more than ever, millions of well-paying jobs are available that require specific training, but not necessarily a four-year college degree – including in industries like IT, advanced manufacturing, and healthcare. In fact, there are over two million job openings in the healthcare industry today, many of which are well-paying jobs, like certified nursing assistants, and x-ray and surgical technicians.

In 2024, we announced a major first-of-its-kind initiative to create new specialized high schools across the United States that prepare students for high-demand jobs in the healthcare industry. The initiative brings together hospital and school systems to offer a healthcare-focused curriculum and work-based learning opportunities alongside traditional academic classes – allowing students to enter directly into jobs after high school. Ten schools have opened, with two more set to open in fall 2026. At full capacity, all 12 schools will serve over 7,300 students annually.



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Queens, New York

Located in Queens, the Northwell School of Health Sciences opened in fall 2025 with an initial class of 213 freshmen. Partnering with Northwell Health, the school offers four specialized career pathways in pre-nursing, medical assisting, behavioral and mental health, and healthcare management to prepare students for in-demand jobs after graduation. Our support helped the school build state-of-the-art facilities and simulation labs, allowing students to gain real-world experience, alongside paid work opportunities and more traditional high school activities, like sports teams and after-school clubs.

Launching 12 healthcare-focused high schools that will serve 7,300 students



HEAL High School • Houston, Texas

Students at a specialized healthcare high school we helped to create participated in a clinical training as part of their curriculum in June 2025.

Opening Doors to the Nation's Top Colleges

A significant divide still separates talent from opportunity in higher education. Partnering with leading educational institutions, Bloomberg Philanthropies works to ensure that more high-achieving students from lower-income backgrounds are able to enroll in the top U.S. colleges and universities that they are qualified to attend.

One way we do this is through the American Talent Initiative, which seeks to substantially expand access and opportunity for talented lower-income students at the nation's colleges and universities with the highest graduation rates. Launched in 2015 in partnership with the Aspen Institute and Ithaka S+R, the coalition now has 137 members who have collectively enrolled record-breaking numbers of students from lower-income backgrounds. As higher education navigates a changing landscape, we continue to help our partners adapt to these changes and ensure that more talented students are still able to enroll in top colleges and universities, and take advantage of the opportunities they provide.

Student-Centered University Partnerships

As part of our work to expand access to college, we partner with select universities to offer strategic support for students.

Princeton University

The university's Emma Bloomberg Center for Access & Opportunity provides mentorship, support, and programming for first-generation and lower-income students. In 2025, the center served more than 1,000 students — twice as many as the previous year.

Below left: In August 2025, we brought together the latest class of fellows in The Georgina and Charlotte Bloomberg Public Service Fellowship at NYU for a reception in New York City. Below right: Undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins University have the lowest median student debt in the U.S., thanks to Mike's gift that made admissions permanently need-blind.



New York University • New York City, New York

New York University

The Georgina and Charlotte Bloomberg Public Service Fellows Program at the NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service offers full-tuition scholarships for master's degree students interested in public service. The program currently supports 18 fellows and has supported a total of 45 since 2021.

Kessler Scholars Collaborative

First launched by the Fred and Judy Wilpon Family Foundation at the University of Michigan, the initiative provided dedicated support services for first-generation, lower-income students. With our support, the initiative has expanded from six to 16 schools, and we strengthened our commitment in 2025 to help even more students. A recent independent evaluation of the program showed that Kessler Scholars have a 93 percent retention rate, nearly 23 percentage points higher than the national average for first-generation college students.

Johns Hopkins University

As part of Bloomberg Philanthropies' longstanding support for Mike's alma mater, we invest in wraparound services for students who are the first in their families to attend college or from lower-income families. In the 2024–2025 school year, our support helped lead to a 98 percent retention rate for students from these backgrounds.

In addition, our historic $1.8 billion commitment to Johns Hopkins in 2018 made undergraduate admissions need-blind, which has led to significant increases in the school's application rate, ability to attract top talent, and selectiveness. And in 2024, we announced a further $1 billion for financial aid for graduate students, including funding that made the medical school tuition-free for the majority of students.



Johns Hopkins University • Baltimore, Maryland

Credit: Courtesy of Johns Hopkins University

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Credit: Juan Arredondo/Vital Strategies

Ensuring Safer, Longer, Healthier Lives

From supporting the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to implementing groundbreaking policies as mayor of New York City, Mike Bloomberg's longstanding commitment to public health continues to guide our efforts to save and improve lives globally. Today, as World Health Organization Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries, Mike champions urgent action to address preventable causes of death that remain overlooked and underfunded.

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Public Health program focuses on the world's leading causes of death from noncommunicable diseases and injuries, partnering with governments, communities, and other organizations to help effective, evidence-based policies take root and spread.

Burera, Rwanda

Through our Data for Health initiative, we supported government efforts to strengthen cause-of-death data, which revealed rising mortality from noncommunicable diseases and informed national screening programs for high blood pressure and other risk factors.

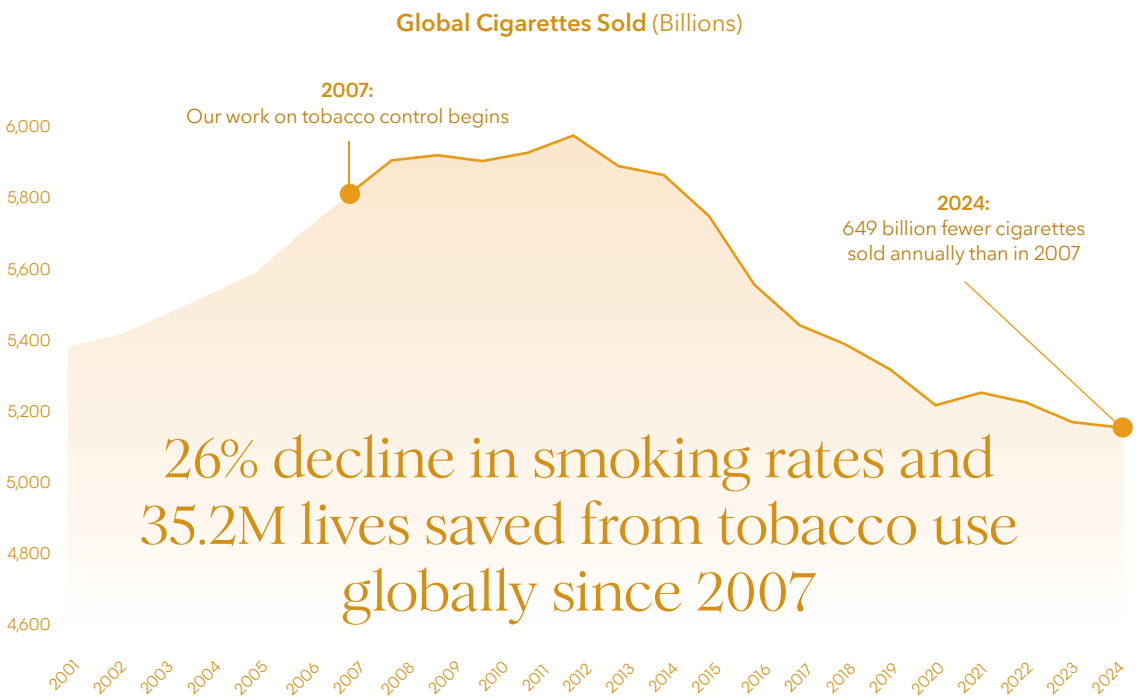
Saving Lives from Global Tobacco Use

Despite steady declines in its use, tobacco remains one of the world's leading causes of death. Early during his time as mayor of New York City, Mike passed a landmark ban on smoking in restaurants, bars, and other public places. While initially unpopular, the law helped to drive a three-year increase in New Yorkers' life expectancy during his time as mayor and inspired countless other cities and countries to follow suit – today, bans on smoking in indoor spaces are commonplace in most parts of the world. Building on this legacy, since 2007, Bloomberg Philanthropies has championed global efforts to reduce tobacco use, focusing on countries with the largest smoking populations.

We worked with partners to develop a package of policies proven to save lives from tobacco use, known by the acronym MPOWER – including smoke-free laws, tobacco tax increases, cessation support, advertising bans, graphic warnings, and more – and support partners to advocate for more of these policies at the local and national level. In total, we have supported partners in developing and implementing 185 laws that now protect five billion people in 94 countries worldwide – saving an estimated 35.2 million lives. This progress has helped contribute to a 26 percent decline in global smoking rates since 2007.

Bloomberg Philanthropies also launched an effort in the U.S. targeted at reducing teen e-cigarette use after data in 2019 showed a sharp rise in usage. At the time, few regulations existed around e-cigarettes and teens were aggressively targeted with candy, fruit, and dessert flavors. Our work has supported the passage of 150 state and local flavor bans, up from 29 bans in 2019 – protecting more than 87 million people. E-cigarette use among U.S. teens has declined 70 percent since its 2019 peak, from 20 percent to 5.9 percent in 2024.

At the 2025 World Conference on Tobacco Control in Dublin, Ireland, Bloomberg Philanthropies hosted the Awards for Global Tobacco Control, recognizing outstanding government and civil society leaders for advancing each element of the MPOWER package.





Mumbai, India



Credit: Vital Strategies

Nepal

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In 2025, we supported partners who advanced the passage of 30 tobacco control policies across the globe, including:

Nepal

Became the first country in the world to require that graphic health warnings cover 100% of all tobacco packaging.

The Maldives

Became the first country ever to impose a generational ban on smoking, with anyone born after 2007 prohibited from buying any tobacco products.

Cambodia

Strengthened its ban on the sale, use, and advertising of all e-cigarette products, and introduced stricter enforcement and penalty mechanisms.

Moldova

Expanded smoke-free areas and began requiring health warnings to be displayed during TV programs that feature tobacco products.

Bangladesh

Passed a landmark tobacco control ordinance that expands health warnings on packaging, bans smoking in public places, outlaws the sale of e-cigarettes and prohibits all tobacco advertising.

Top: India was one of the winners of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards for Global Tobacco Control for its efforts to offer cessation services. Bottom: Our partners supported the passage of a policy in Nepal that requires graphic warnings to cover 100% of tobacco packaging.

Restoring and Improving Vision

One billion people globally live with untreated vision issues, and the vast majority of these issues are treatable with proven public health solutions. Poor vision makes it more difficult for children to succeed in school, and it limits the ability of adults to earn a living and fully enjoy life. To address this overlooked public health problem, Bloomberg Philanthropies launched our Vision Initiative in May 2025. Working with partners in six countries including the U.S., the initiative aims to provide 11 million vision screenings, distribute seven million pairs of eyeglasses, and restore sight for 250,000 people through life-changing cataract surgeries by 2027.

As of February 2026, we have helped partners distribute over 706,600 pairs of eyeglasses, primarily to students as well as adults in specific industries where improved eyesight can have a direct impact on their ability to earn better wages and operate more safely, like textile factories and transportation. We have also supported partners to perform more than 59,100 eyesight-restoring cataract surgeries in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nigeria.

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As part of this new initiative, we are working with eyewear company Warby Parker to expand the reach of their partners under their Buy a Pair, Give a Pair program, facilitating the distribution of millions more pairs of eyeglasses internationally, and to reach even more kids through their Pupils Project, which provides free eye exams and eyeglasses to students across the U.S.





Baltimore, Maryland

Top: Factory workers in Bangladesh received vision screenings and free eyeglasses at their place of work. Bottom left: In October 2025, Mike visited students in Baltimore who received Warby Parker eyeglasses through our partnership with the company. Bottom right: At an eye clinic supported by our partners in Cambodia, patients accessed vision care that will improve their quality of life.


Distributed
706,600 pairs
of eyeglasses
since May 2025
Gazipur, Bangladesh


Performed
59,100 cataract
surgeries since
May 2025
Preah Sihanouk, Cambodia



Above (left and right): We supported partners in Salvador, Brazil, who helped to make safety improvements to a busy downtown road, including clearer speed limit signs, well-marked, wider sidewalks, and barricades.

Safer Roads, Safer Communities

As the leading cause of death for young people ages five to 29, road traffic crashes kill nearly 1.2 million people each year and injure up to 50 million more. Since 2007, Bloomberg Philanthropies has supported partners and governments to strengthen road safety laws and implement proven interventions that protect everyone on the road. These include improving road infrastructure and vehicle safety standards; increasing helmet and seat-belt use; reducing speeding and drinking and driving by training enforcement agents and airing mass media campaigns to change dangerous behavior; promoting investments in public transportation; and strengthening data collection. Our work is focused in low- and middle-income countries, where over 90 percent of road fatalities occur.

To date, we have supported local partners and governments on the passage of 188 national and subnational laws, covering over four billion people. In addition, we have supported 115 media campaigns on key risk factors, trained over 78,000 traffic police and other enforcement officers, and helped redesign more than 2,300 high-risk intersections to protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Together, this work has saved nearly one million lives since we began. In 2026, we announced a major recommitment to this work with the goal of saving an additional one million lives from road traffic crashes by 2030.

In 2025, partners around the world took major strides in passing proven safety measures that reduce traffic deaths and injuries. For example, the city of Córdoba, Argentina, began enforcing speed limits for the first time in 25 years, training over 300 enforcement agents and launching citywide awareness campaigns. And Uganda created guidelines to establish safety zones near schools, including speed limits of 30 km/hr and child-friendly road infrastructure, which will lower both the risk and severity of crashes.

Credit: Olga Benário (left and right)



Salvador, Brazil

Empowering Cities to Improve Health

As Mike showed during his time as mayor, cities can drive significant progress on public health challenges. To help more cities enact proven policies that reduce noncommunicable diseases and injuries, we launched the Partnership for Healthy Cities in 2017. Now with more than 70 members, the network helps cities develop, adopt, and share policies that address six key health challenges: tobacco use, unhealthy diets, road safety, overdose prevention, data monitoring, and heat. To date, cities have implemented 40 policies in these areas, including nine passed in 2025. Istanbul, Türkiye, began mandating speed limits and infrastructure improvements near all 990 primary schools in the city, protecting nearly one million children – and Medellín, Colombia, is also protecting more children with their new policy that requires all schools to be smoke- and e-cigarette-free environments.

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Athens, Greece

Focus: Overdose Prevention

Expanded access to naloxone, allowing all doctors – not just emergency providers – to prescribe the overdose-reversing medication.

Guadalajara, Mexico

Focus: Road Safety

Set speed limits of 20 km/hr around all school zones, in line with national law, and implemented further measures to reduce traffic volume and improve safety for students.



Credit: WRI Mexico



Musanze District, Rwanda



Credit: Juan Arredondo/Vital Strategies

Better Data, Better Policies

Timely, accurate health data remains essential for sound policymaking. Yet each year, roughly half of all deaths globally go unrecorded, and up to one-quarter of births are unregistered. True to our approach of relying on data and addressing unmet needs, we launched our Data for Health initiative in 2015 to work with governments in low- and middle-income countries to strengthen the collection and use of birth, death, and other health data.

To date, we have supported governments in 81 countries with technical assistance to improve birth and death data systems to better inform life-saving policies and investments. In total, this work has helped collect or strengthen over 25.4 million death records and nearly 24 million birth records, while training more than 160,000 health officials on how to better collect and analyze data.

Over the past decade, we have supported partners who have helped governments better use data to pass or improve 108 policies in 20 countries, including three passed in 2025. Our partners have also helped 13 countries pass 17 landmark birth and death data collection laws — such as in Papua New Guinea in 2025, where birth, death, and marriage registration was made mandatory for the first time, achieving a milestone nearly a decade in the making. In Uganda, the country published its first-ever vital statistics report covering 2020–2024, which showed a significant number of deaths in children under five were due to birth trauma and asphyxia — a critical condition in infants that can cause permanent brain and organ damage. These findings prompted the rapid deployment of anesthesia machines, theater beds, and other equipment to support birth-related emergencies in 70 hospitals around the country reporting high numbers of these deaths, improving outcomes for thousands of infants each year.

Left: In Rwanda, our initiative has helped to digitize and modernize paper-based health records.

Healthier Diets, Healthier People

Unhealthy diets contribute to roughly seven million deaths every year, making them the fourth leading cause of death globally. Since 2012, Bloomberg Philanthropies' Food Policy Program has supported partners' efforts to implement, evaluate, and spread policies that reduce the consumption of ultra-processed foods and sugary drinks – such as improving meals and restricting the marketing of unhealthy foods in schools, requiring warning labels on food and beverage packages, taxing unhealthy foods and beverages, and more. In total, our partners have supported the passage of 62 such policies in 12 countries, including 12 passed in 2025.

To address a major need for data and evidence on which policies are most effective, we have also supported over 400 peer-reviewed publications, which are helping policymakers create smarter food regulations. For example, one of these studies helped inform the definition of ultra-processed foods used in California's first-in-the-country law that bans ultra-processed foods in school lunches. In 2025, we also supported a landmark three-part series about the harms of ultra-processed foods that was published in *The Lancet*, one of the world's most prestigious medical journals. The series is helping more policymakers around the world learn from other countries' successes and address the growing harms and prevalence of these foods.

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Jamaica

Approved a landmark policy that establishes healthier meal standards and limits the sale and marketing of ultra-processed foods and sugary drinks in schools.

Mexico

Nearly doubled taxes on sugary drinks and added a new tax on those with artificial sweeteners, building on the initial 2013 tax supported by our partners.

Vietnam

Introduced taxes on sugary drinks for the first time, a major step in addressing diet-related noncommunicable diseases that account for 80% of deaths in the country each year.

Below: Partners in Barbados ran media campaigns in support of a proposed school nutrition policy, which passed in 2022.



Barbados

Credit: Illusion Graphics, Barbados

Preventing Lead Poisoning

In 2025, Bloomberg Philanthropies launched a new initiative to confront lead poisoning, which is a major public health threat: more than one in three children globally are affected, putting them at risk of health complications and developmental delays. In adults, lead poisoning causes severe cardiovascular problems, leading to millions of premature deaths each year. Yet efforts to address lead poisoning have historically lacked government and philanthropic support, despite known interventions like banning lead in paint.

Our Lead Poisoning Prevention Initiative supports partners in nine countries to advocate for strong government interventions that limit exposure to lead through regulations on common sources, including paint, spices, and lead-acid batteries; identify and clean up major sources of lead contamination, such as unsafe battery recycling locations; and expand testing for lead levels to strengthen data and help governments better understand the problem and tailor their policies to address it. We are also supporting partners to advocate for lead paint regulations in 50 countries in Africa with the goal of banning lead paint on the continent by 2027. Since launching in May 2025, our partner has supported the passage of new paint regulations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Niger and secured government commitments to enforce regulations in Burundi, Madagascar, and South Africa.

This work is inspired by successful outcomes in New York City during Mike's tenure as mayor, where stronger regulations on lead paint and the city's first comprehensive report on lead levels in blood helped drive down the number of children testing positive for lead poisoning by two-thirds.



Ghana



Mozambique


Ghana

Credit: Pure Earth (top and bottom); Lead Exposure Elimination Project (middle)

Top: Students spoke about the effects of lead poisoning on children during an awareness-raising event in Ghana hosted by partners. Middle: Paint, one of the most common sources of lead exposure, was tested by partners as part of efforts to pass lead paint bans in 50 African countries. Bottom: Partners tested everyday products like toys and cookware for lead to identify sources of exposure.



Above: In Ethiopia, our efforts are helping to expand access to treatment for high blood pressure, a critical step to save lives from cardiovascular disease.

Saving Lives from Heart Disease

Cardiovascular disease remains the world's leading cause of death. In addition to addressing key risk factors such as smoking, unhealthy diets, and lead exposure, we address cardiovascular disease through our partnership with Resolve to Save Lives – an initiative founded by Dr. Tom Frieden, former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Working predominantly in low- and middle-income countries, the initiative aims to save 100 million lives by 2047, focusing on three proven strategies: improving detection and treatment of high blood pressure, eliminating artificial trans fats, and reducing sodium intake.

Through this work, more than 650,000 health care workers in 41 countries have received training on how to screen and treat high blood pressure, ensuring millions more people receive lifesaving care. Globally, 67 countries now have best-practice trans fat policies in place, 53 of which this initiative helped to pass – including a new ban Pakistan adopted in 2025 that will protect 247 million people. More than 51 percent of the world's population is now covered by a trans fat ban, up from just seven percent in 2018 when we began this work. Together, these policies are estimated to have saved more than nine million lives.

Saved 9 million lives from heart disease since 2018

Credit: Juan Arredondo/Vital Strategies

Prioritizing Maternal Health

In 2025, Bloomberg Philanthropies expanded efforts to reduce maternal and newborn mortality across Sub-Saharan Africa. This builds off of a successful program we supported in the Kigoma region of Tanzania beginning in 2006, when data showed that one woman was dying every hour from pregnancy-related complications. In response, we partnered with the government of the region to train more than 300 non-physician clinicians to provide essential healthcare and upgrade over 80 facilities. The work saved an estimated 2,380 lives, and its success led Tanzania's government to take over and expand the program in 2019.

Because maternal health continues to be a major challenge across Sub-Saharan Africa, we launched a new initiative to strengthen high-quality obstetric care across high-need regions in Malawi, Nigeria, and Tanzania, deploying our proven approach of using data to understand what gaps exist and partnering with local governments and organizations to fill them – including the need for more skilled health providers, critical equipment and supplies, and facility upgrades. And in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we are working with Fistula Foundation and local partners to provide 7,000 life-changing fistula repair surgeries – with more than 3,600 already performed since May 2025.

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Democratic Republic of the Congo

Deborah was just 17 when she developed fistula following a difficult labor and the loss of her baby. Unable to access treatment, she was forced out of school and her home and lived with the condition for four years – until she heard a radio announcement about free fistula surgeries. After a successful procedure at one of 38 partner-supported hospital sites, Deborah is now healthy and able to pursue her education once again.

Below: Our support to upgrade healthcare facilities in the Kigoma region of Tanzania helped to greatly improve maternal and infant health, leading Tanzania's government to take over the program in 2019.



Kigoma Region, Tanzania

Credit: Johns Hopkins University

Preventing Drowning Globally

Drowning remains a significant, yet preventable, cause of death, especially in low- and middle-income countries where 90 percent of the world's 300,000 drowning deaths occur each year. Since 2012, Bloomberg Philanthropies has worked in countries with the highest rates of drowning deaths, joining forces with local organizations and governments to collect accurate data, implement proven interventions, and scale national solutions that reduce drowning.

In Bangladesh and Vietnam, we piloted community childcare sites and children's survival swimming lessons, respectively – and their success inspired the national governments to take over funding and expand the programs' reach. In 2025, we partnered with local organizations in Uganda to help launch the country's first community-based swim instruction program, working to set up portable pools and train instructors in three high-burden districts. And in the state of West Bengal, India, we will begin work with partners to set up childcare and fencing interventions after a statewide survey we supported revealed drowning rates were 2.5 times higher than previously estimated, especially among young children.

In August 2025, we hosted the first-ever Global Drowning Prevention Leadership Institute in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, bringing together experts in the field from around the world to learn from each other, share best practices, and build global momentum toward implementing effective solutions to reduce drowning deaths. Based on its success, we announced a major reinvestment in our global drowning prevention work and also launched new efforts in 2024 in 11 U.S. states with some of the highest rates of drowning deaths. To date, our partners have enrolled over 20,000 children in swim instruction across these states.

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Vietnam

In 2025, Vietnam officially took over work we began in the country when it adopted a new national survival swimming curriculum that will be implemented in all schools – helping to protect over 21 million students. The curriculum is based on the successful program that we worked with partners to implement in the country, which helped to reduce the child drowning rate by 16 percent in the areas where we worked.





Bloomberg American Health Summit • Baltimore, Maryland

Investing in a New Generation of Public Health Leaders

Public health leaders are on the front lines of health challenges across the United States, which is why we created an ambitious partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to advance their efforts. The Bloomberg American Health Initiative, launched in 2016, was a response to startling data that showed declines in U.S. life expectancy after nearly a century of gains. It focuses on research and policy solutions to the leading drivers behind recent declines: addiction and overdose; risks to adolescent health; environmental challenges; food systems; and violence.

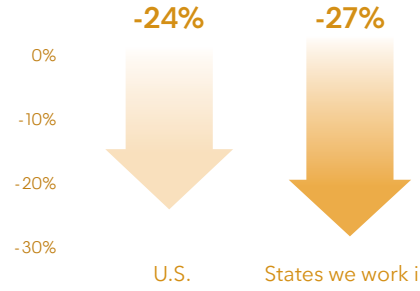
The initiative invests in the next generation of public health leaders, providing full scholarship funding for them to earn Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health degrees at Johns Hopkins, with the requirement that they commit to work at partner organizations in their communities after graduation. Since its launch, 447 students have benefited, going on to serve communities across the nation. In addition, the initiative has supported 26 endowed professorships and over 300 grants for research projects that improve our understanding of pressing public health issues.

Combating the U.S. Overdose Epidemic

In 2018, in response to data that showed overdose deaths were driving unprecedented declines in U.S. life expectancy, Bloomberg Philanthropies launched efforts to help states combat the overdose epidemic. To reduce overdose deaths, we support partners who work with states to implement proven, data-driven policies, like increasing access to medication treatments, and public health services that reduce harm, like expanding naloxone availability. We also leverage communications strategies to raise awareness and share solutions, and support research to reduce barriers to accessing medication for opioid use disorder.

While the overdose crisis remains the leading cause of death for people under the age of 50 in the United States, there has been real progress: according to preliminary data, the seven states where we focus our work – Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin – saw a 27 percent average decline in overdose deaths between 2023–2024, compared to a 24 percent decline nationally. In addition, our partners are helping to ensure states are using their opioid settlement funds fairly and effectively. In 2025, our partners in New Jersey led a campaign to secure $118 million of opioid settlement funds for preventative health services throughout the state, ensuring lasting funding for critical health services to reduce overdose deaths, and holding leaders accountable for fund misuse.

27% average decline in overdose deaths
between 2023–2024 in states where we work



Above: In October 2025, we hosted the Bloomberg American Health Summit at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, bringing together hundreds of academics, researchers, and policymakers to further the spread of effective public health interventions.



Credit: Luca Crudelli © WCS

Creating a More Sustainable World

As climate change continues to accelerate, its consequences increasingly threaten the lives and livelihoods of billions of people around the world. Mike Bloomberg has championed the environment for decades – first as mayor of New York City, where he launched the city's first comprehensive sustainability plan, and now as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions, helping countries and cities advance climate action.

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Environment program focuses on the areas where our investments can drive the greatest impact, addressing the leading causes of the climate crisis and working to revitalize the environment, improve health, spur innovation, and create stronger, more sustainable economies.

Memba, Mozambique

In Mozambique, we work with partners to protect the ocean and support communities that rely on it for food and livelihoods.

Bringing Global Leaders Together

As part of our work to address the threats of climate change, Bloomberg Philanthropies brought together global leaders, experts, and climate advocates across a series of major environmental convenings in 2025.



COP30 Local Leaders Forum • Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Forum • New York City, New York



C40 Cities 20th Anniversary • London, United Kingdom



UN Ocean Conference • Nice, France

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COP30

Ahead of COP30 in November 2025, Bloomberg Philanthropies partnered with the COP30 Presidency to host the Local Leaders Forum, a three-day gathering in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, that brought mayors, governors, and subnational leaders into the center of global climate discussions. The Forum highlighted some of the most effective local climate solutions, from zero-emissions public transport to clean air policies, and demonstrated how cities and regions are accelerating national and global climate progress. With more than 200 leaders in attendance representing over 120 countries, the Forum marked a significant step forward in elevating multilevel climate action at COP30.

Leading Global City Networks on Climate Change

Home to the majority of the world's population, cities are on the front lines of tackling the climate challenge as powerful engines of innovation and opportunity. Bloomberg Philanthropies works closely with global networks, such as C40 Cities and the Global Covenant of Mayors, to elevate city leadership, strengthen local climate action, and accelerate progress toward key global goals. Across these networks in 2025, cities continued to advance ambitious climate policies. Nearly all of C40's 97 member cities now have strong climate action plans aligned with international targets, with over three-quarters having set emissions-reduction targets that exceed their national government's commitments. And there are more than 13,800 local governments in the Global Covenant of Mayors dedicated to advancing local climate action.

Bloomberg Philanthropies also continues to support America Is All In, the nation's largest coalition of climate-forward cities, states, universities, businesses, faith-based organizations, and tribes. At COP30, the coalition released new research showing that significant cuts in U.S. greenhouse gas emissions remain achievable by 2035 if ambitious climate action is implemented at the state, city, and local level. Local leaders are able to make significant advances in accelerating renewable energy deployment and expanding electric vehicle adoption.

Top left: Leaders from around the world came together in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the COP30 Local Leaders Forum in November 2025, hosted by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Bottom left: Jane Goodall spoke with Hank Paulson about the importance of conservation at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Forum in New York City in September 2025. Top right: Leaders from C40 member cities convened in London for the organization's 20th anniversary in June 2025. Bottom right: Our CEO Patti Harris spoke at the UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France, in June 2025.

Strengthening Ocean Protections

The ocean is a source of food and livelihoods for over three billion people — and, by absorbing vast amounts of carbon dioxide, it plays a crucial role in the fight against climate change. The Bloomberg Ocean Initiative partners with governments, leading nonprofits, scientists and researchers, and coastal communities to advance data-driven solutions that address the greatest threats to the ocean, from climate change to pollution to overfishing. We support partners to advocate for local protections and policy change that safeguard and strengthen marine ecosystems and the communities that rely on them, making progress toward our UN-aligned goal of protecting 30 percent of the ocean by 2030.

In 2025, the world achieved a major milestone toward that goal, nearly two decades in the making: the High Seas Treaty crossed the ratification threshold of 60 ratifications, clearing the way for the world's first framework to safeguard marine biodiversity in the more than two-thirds of the ocean that lies beyond national jurisdiction. Bloomberg Philanthropies convened leaders and supported partners to advance the treaty as countries ratified it. In January 2026, the High Seas Treaty officially entered into force, and now our partners are developing the first wave of marine protected areas in international waters.

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Panaon Island, Philippines



In August, the Philippines designated the waters surrounding Panaon Island as a Protected Seascape, safeguarding over 230 square miles of one of the most biodiverse reefs in the world. We worked with partners to identify the reef as a top priority for protection based on its resilience to climate change — and then built community and government support for a strong, science-backed conservation plan.



Helped strengthen protections for 11M+ square miles of ocean

Credit: OCEANA © Danny Ocampo (left); Renz Perez © WCS (right)



Bogotá, Colombia

Helping Cities Breathe Easy

Air pollution remains one of the world's deadliest environmental threats, contributing to millions of premature deaths each year, particularly in cities where pollution is most concentrated. And while cities may know the sources that contribute most to air pollution – from transportation to heating – they often lack the data and capacity to design targeted interventions and measure their impacts.

In response, we launched Breathe Cities in 2023 to help cities create and implement solutions that cut emissions and improve public health. In partnership with the Clean Air Fund and C40 Cities, we provide dedicated support to 14 cities across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America, as well as opportunities to share lessons with other cities around the world.

We have helped these 14 cities deploy air quality sensors that give leaders real-time data to identify pollution hotspots and craft effective interventions. Collectively, these cities have implemented over 20 policies to reduce air pollution, from traffic restrictions near schools, to bans on the use of coal for heating. Across all cities, this work has helped reduce major pollutants, including toxic nitrogen dioxide, by an average of up to 14 percent.

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London, United Kingdom

Breathe London was launched in 2020 as a pilot of the Breathe Cities initiative. Working closely with Mayor Sadiq Khan, we supported the city's installation of over 330 air quality sensors, providing data that informed major clean air policies – including the largest low-emissions zone in the world, which restricts high-polluting vehicles across the entire city. With these bold measures, London reached a major milestone in 2025, meeting legal limits for toxic nitrogen dioxide for the first time – nearly 200 years earlier than predicted.

Left: Through the C40 Cities network and Breathe Cities, Bogotá has taken action to reduce air pollution, including temporarily closing a major thoroughfare to single-rider vehicle traffic in 2024.

Credit: © Juan Pablo Daza / C40

Advancing Climate Finance

Historic levels of private investment are needed to expand access to clean energy, build resilience to extreme weather, and support sustainable growth, especially in emerging markets and developing economies where energy demand is growing. Yet this challenge also presents a major opportunity, helping to create jobs, grow the economy, and spur technological innovation. While investment has continued to reach new highs, it is still not moving fast enough. Bloomberg Philanthropies' approach focuses on improving access to reliable data related to climate risks and opportunities and fostering public-private partnerships that overcome barriers to investment. These efforts are helping to expand renewable energy, protect critical ecosystems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase access to affordable, clean energy for communities around the world.

Central to this work is our support for the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), which brings together financial sector firms committed to mobilizing capital for the global transition. In 2025, GFANZ sharpened its focus on unlocking investment for the clean energy industry and infrastructure in emerging markets and developing economies and in high-emitting sectors where financing gaps are greatest. This includes supporting partnerships with developing countries to drive investment in their climate and development goals, helping multilateral development banks mobilize private financing for clean energy and resilience projects, and strengthening local financial institutions to deploy more funding on the ground.

To bring greater transparency to climate data, we continue to support a major climate data utility, which serves as an open, global, centralized repository for private-sector climate transition-related data. The platform includes publicly accessible data from thousands of companies worldwide, helping policymakers, investors, and businesses make more informed, data-driven decisions.

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Brazil

Ahead of hosting COP30 in November 2025, Brazil emerged as a focal point for global efforts to accelerate climate investment at scale. Bringing together governments, development banks, and private investors, we worked with partners to catalyze the launch of the Brazil Climate and Ecological Transformation Investment Platform (BIP), a public-private effort designed to reduce risk and mobilize private capital for industrial decarbonization and sustainable development.

The platform now has over $25 billion in its project pipeline, consisting of clean energy, industrial decarbonization, and nature-based projects. For example, one project is growing a native crop, macaúba, which can be processed into sustainable aviation fuel and renewable diesel while also creating jobs for local communities.



Right: Mike spoke at the COP30 Sustainable Business High-Level Event in New York City in September 2025.

Accelerating the U.S. Energy Transition

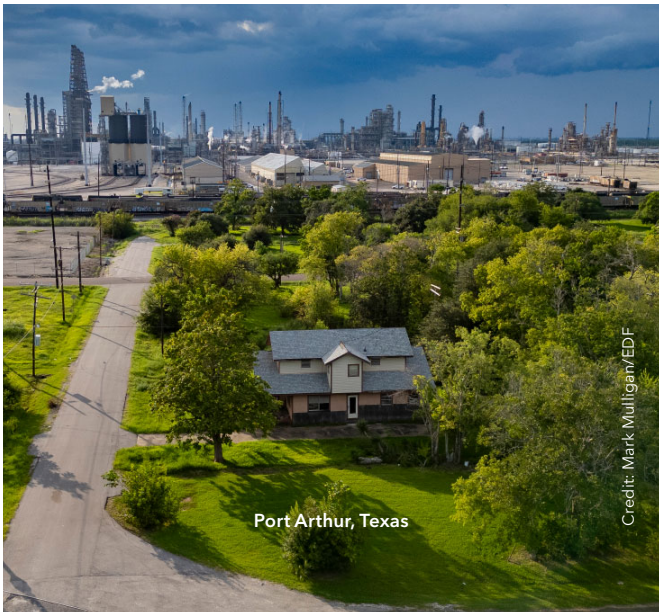
While coal remains a major source of carbon emissions and harmful pollution in the United States, meaningful progress in the shift to clean energy continues: 92 percent of new energy added to the U.S. and global energy grid in 2025 was clean energy. Through our Beyond Carbon campaign, Bloomberg Philanthropies works to replace U.S. coal and gas plants with clean energy. Since beginning efforts to end reliance on coal in 2010, we have worked with partners to secure the retirement of nearly three-quarters of U.S. coal plants – 390 of 530 – driving the largest emissions reductions in the country while saving tens of thousands of lives and billions of dollars in healthcare costs. We continue to work closely with partners to effectively reduce reliance on coal and gas and accelerate the transition to clean energy. Achieving these goals remains a powerful pathway to create jobs, spur investment, and slow the pace of climate change while protecting public health – especially as demand for energy increases.

At the state level, climate leadership continues to deliver results, showing that communities can reduce their emissions while driving economic growth. For example, members of the U.S. Climate Alliance, a partner network representing more than half of the U.S. population, reported that their states have collectively reduced carbon emissions by 24 percent while growing their economies by 34 percent. States also advanced a range of clean energy policies in 2025: For example, Illinois passed new legislation to rein in rising electricity costs while making one of the largest clean energy investments in Illinois history; California and Colorado directed agencies to expedite clean energy projects; Maine moved up its clean energy targets by a decade, from 2050 to 2040; Nevada passed new legislation funding clean energy programs; and Ohio eliminated subsidies for aging, unprofitable coal plants, which will save residents more than $650 million over the coming years.

Stopping New U.S. Petrochemicals

Petrochemical plants, which turn fossil fuels into plastics, fertilizers, and other everyday products, are becoming a major source of carbon emissions and toxic pollution in the United States. These facilities are often built next to low-income communities that disproportionately experience the negative health effects caused by their toxic pollution, including cardiovascular disease, infertility, and rates of cancer up to 11 times higher than the national average. To prevent further harm to both health and the environment, we launched the Beyond Petrochemicals campaign in 2022 with local partners to stop the planned expansion of the industry. To date, Beyond Petrochemicals has helped to stop 37 proposed petrochemical facilities including 19 in 2025, averting the annual emissions equivalent of 13 coal plants and over 24,000 tons of toxic air pollutants. In response to an influx of newly proposed facilities in 2025, Beyond Petrochemicals has deepened efforts to support partners and prevent more communities from being exposed to these toxic facilities.

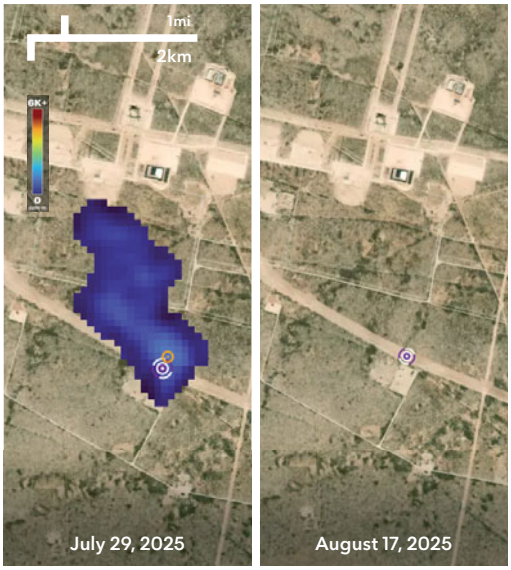
Below: We support partners to stop the expansion of petrochemical facilities, which are often located directly next to communities that bear the brunt of negative health effects caused by the toxic pollution they produce.



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Pecos, Texas

A methane plume from a leaking pipeline near Pecos, Texas, was repaired after our partner Carbon Mapper detected it via satellite and notified operators – preventing 608 kilograms of methane from escaping into the atmosphere each hour.



Credit: Carbon Mapper and Planet Labs

Tackling Global Methane Emissions

Methane is one of the most powerful drivers of climate change, trapping more than 80 times as much heat in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide – but it also breaks down much more quickly, meaning that reducing methane emissions now can have near immediate climate benefits. In addition to our U.S. work to stop the expansion of methane gas plants, we support global efforts to detect methane super-emitting events, improve emissions data, and work with governments and companies to cut pollution at its source. To increase data and transparency on methane emissions, we supported the launch of a methane-detecting satellite in August 2024 that has identified and published data on over 12,500 large plumes to date. And in 2025, we announced a major new $100 million commitment to accelerate global methane reductions from fossil fuel production, aligned with the global goal of reducing methane emissions 30 percent by 2030 – equivalent to shutting down more than 2,000 coal plants. In addition to strengthening policy action across 10 key countries, nine U.S. states, and the European Union, this commitment will expand global satellite monitoring capabilities and scale global notification systems to swiftly alert governments and companies of methane super-emitters and prompt faster repairs.

"Cutting methane is one of the most powerful and cost-effective ways we can slow global warming this decade — and this investment helps build the system to deliver results, fast."

– MIKE BLOOMBERG

Growing Clean Energy Globally

Almost everywhere, clean energy is now the cheapest option for new power, making the transition to clean energy as much an economic decision as a climate one – especially as global energy demand continues to grow. Building on the successful strategies of our Beyond Carbon campaign in the United States, Bloomberg Philanthropies works with nonprofit partners, governments, scientists, and local communities around the world to accelerate the global transition to clean energy. Beginning in the European Union in 2017, we have supported efforts to retire existing coal plants, stop new plants, and expand clean energy through policy and technical assistance, advocacy and research, and community engagement. We expanded this work over the years to dozens of countries, including developing countries with the greatest potential for clean energy, helping partners to mobilize government support and financing for clean energy projects.

In the EU, we have helped to retire nearly 60 percent of coal plants – 199 of 328, including 21 plants retired or announced to retire in 2025. And despite shifting national and global priorities, we continued to see major progress in 2025, where for the first time, clean energy generation outpaced coal globally. Major emerging economies are also advancing clean energy at scale: South Africa's solar capacity grew from almost nothing in 2019 to roughly 10 percent of its electricity-generating capacity in 2025, and Pakistan saw rapid growth in rooftop solar as households turned to more affordable options. At the same time, new coal development continues to slow in several regions, including Latin America, which now has no active new coal plant proposals.

Right: In Thailand, we supported partners who advocated for a new national energy policy that will reduce reliance on gas and spur investment in clean energy.

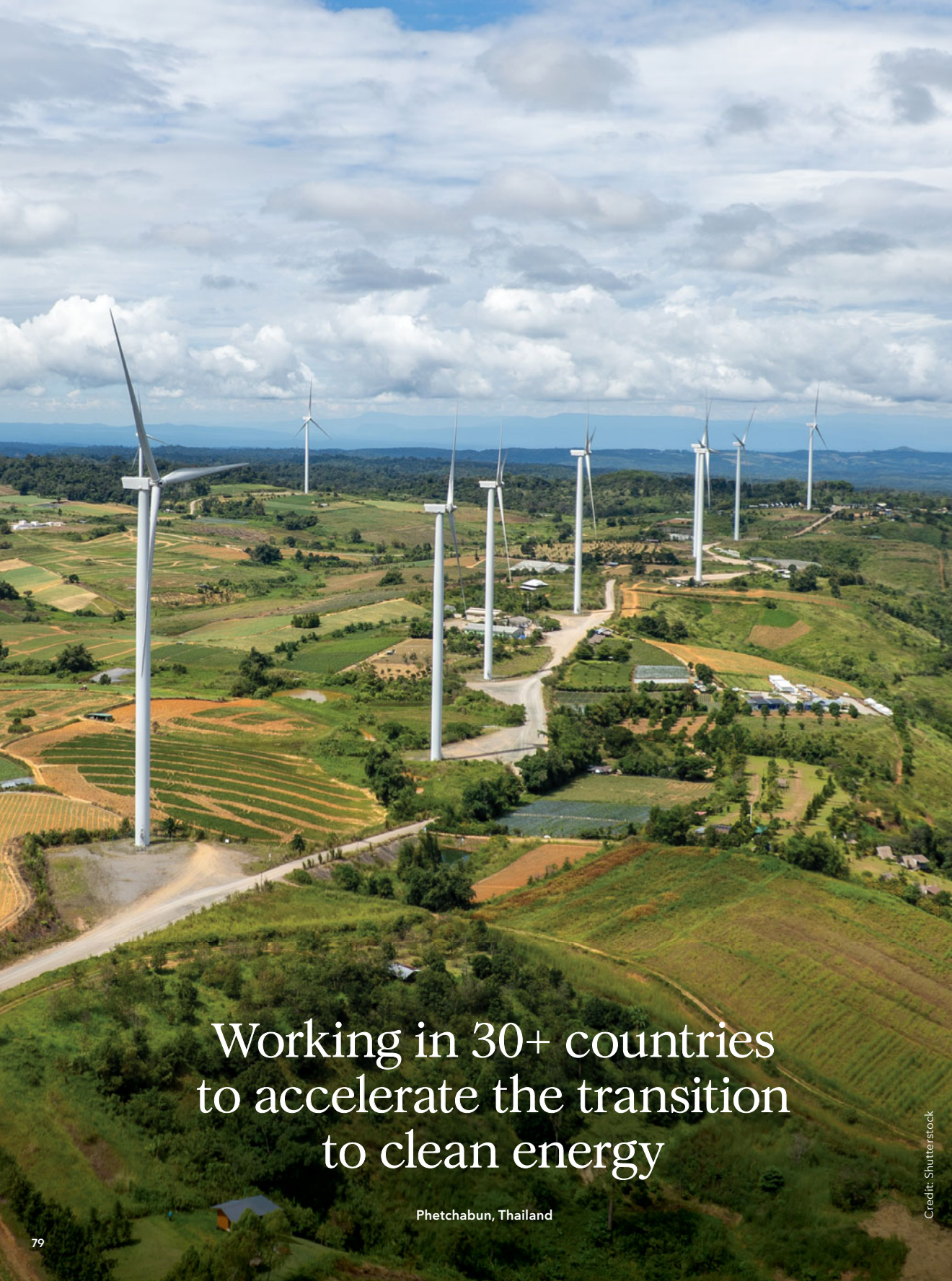
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Ireland

Ireland went coal-free in June 2025 with the closure of its last coal-fired power plant, becoming the 15th country in Europe to go coal-free. Wind now supplies more than one-third of the country's energy, up from just one percent in 2000.



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Working in 30+ countries to accelerate the transition to clean energy

Phetchabun, Thailand

Credit: Shutterstock



Credit: Courtesy of Johns Hopkins University

Investing in Key Issues and Institutions

In addition to our work on public health, education, the environment, the arts, and cities, Bloomberg Philanthropies supports a wide range of initiatives, partners, and institutions to address other issues that help ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people. Like the initiatives in our other program areas, these efforts emerge from Mike Bloomberg's personal experiences in business, government, and philanthropy.

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Founder's Projects are unique efforts we support that fall outside of our core program areas.

Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

The Bloomberg Student Center opened at Johns Hopkins University in October 2025, featuring artwork by Jorge Pardo, pictured here.

Supporting Johns Hopkins

Mike has been a longtime supporter of his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University, beginning with a $5 donation the year he graduated. Since then, we have supported research, capital projects, endowed professorships, and a wide range of scholarships – including a $1.8 billion gift in 2018 that made Johns Hopkins need-blind for undergraduates in perpetuity. In 2024, we made an additional $1 billion gift to increase financial aid for graduate students in the schools of medicine, nursing, and public health, as well as other graduate programs across the university.

Our support has helped the school attract a highly competitive and economically diverse student body: Nearly one in four students on campus now come from a lower-income background or are the first in their family to attend college. Additionally, Hopkins now has the lowest median undergraduate student debt among all universities nationwide.

In 2013, we launched the Bloomberg Distinguished Professors program to break down departmental silos and drive innovative, cross-disciplinary research, which has endowed 130 prestigious professorships with appointments in at least two of the university's schools or departments. We also rely on Johns Hopkins as an expert partner for a number of our philanthropic programs, including our efforts to reduce tobacco use globally, improve city data usage and innovation, and more.

Our support has helped make the Bloomberg School of Public Health a leading force in public health research, and we have long supported the Charlotte R. Bloomberg Children's Center, the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute, and the Bloomberg~Kimmel Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy. In 2023, we helped create the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center at 555 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. The center will be home to the university's newest academic division, the School for Government and Policy. This new school will bring together experts, policymakers, and scholars across disciplines to advance effective, data-driven approaches to today's most pressing governance challenges. The school's inaugural dean and faculty were named in 2025.

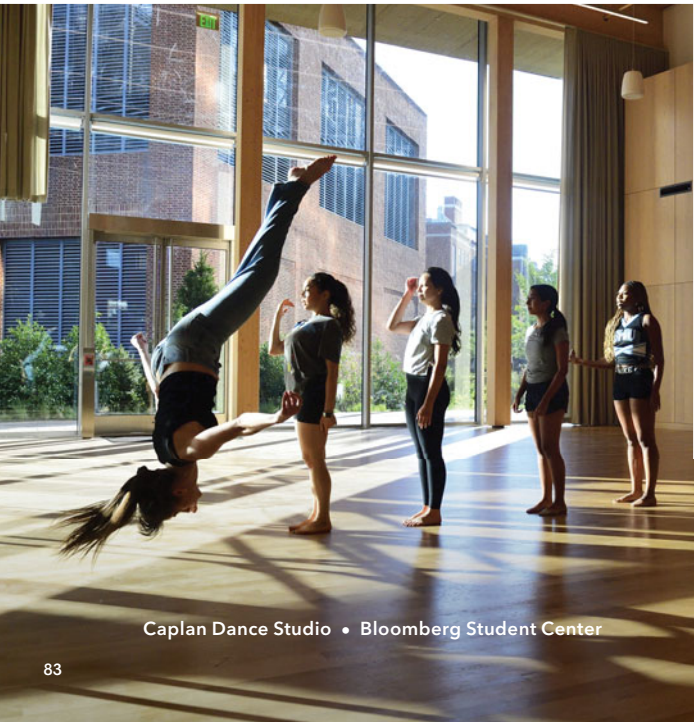




Food Hall • Bloomberg Student Center

Bloomberg Student Center • Baltimore, Maryland

Credit: Laurian Ghinitoiu



Caplan Dance Studio • Bloomberg Student Center

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The Bloomberg Student Center

In October 2025, the Bloomberg Student Center – the first-ever student center at Johns Hopkins – officially opened to students. Designed by architect Bjarke Ingels with interiors by David Rockwell, landscape design by Michael Van Valkenburgh, and art consulting from Nancy Rosen, the center features art by Jorge Pardo and a large open convening space, a 250-seat performance center, dance and music studios, a food court, and additional areas for students to meet, study, and learn.

Credit: Courtesy of Johns Hopkins University (left and right)



Above: Women received training in income-generating activities like textile making at the Women's Opportunity Center in Rwanda, which we supported in partnership with Women for Women International.

Promoting Women's Economic Independence

Bloomberg Philanthropies' Women's Economic Development program partners with governments, nonprofits, and the private sector to expand opportunities that lead to economic independence for women across Sub-Saharan Africa and around the world.

Since its inception in 2007, the program has developed a strong network of partners – including Women for Women International, Sustainable Growers, CARE International, Nest, and the African Women Entrepreneurship Cooperative – who work together to promote market activities for women that generate income. The program provides women with training and education in vocational tracks that are informed by government priorities and assessments of market opportunities, from agriculture and textile making, to construction and hospitality. Our work is primarily based in Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Tanzania.

This year, we reached a major milestone: As a result of our support, more than one million women have enrolled in training and education programs, which has in turn benefited over 6.5 million of their family members. Independent evaluations of the program continue to affirm its impact, showing sustained increases in women's income, assets, and, crucially, their power to make decisions for themselves and their families, even ten years after graduation.

Credit: Serrah Galos

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Women's Opportunity Center

Rwanda



Created with Women for Women International in 2013, the Women's Opportunity Center remains a hub for vocational training and women-owned enterprises. In 2025, more than 1,000 women trained across six market-driven tracks, improving livelihoods for over 4,000 family members, while cooperatives at the center operate businesses in agriculture, weaving, food services, and more – generating revenue that has ensured the center's long-term sustainability. An expanded on-site bed-and-breakfast further increased revenue and created hospitality jobs for women. Products made at the center reach local and international markets, and partnerships – including with the Rwanda Women's Football Federation – are raising the profile and skills of women at the center.

Question Coffee

Global

Working with Sustainable Growers, we support women farmers in Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Tanzania to produce coffee that is sold through Question Coffee, a social enterprise whose revenues are reinvested in training for women producers. Global partnerships with major brands including Marriott, Starbucks, and RwandAir, as well as two physical cafés in Dubai and Rwanda, have connected nearly 383,000 women farmers in Africa with international markets – including new buyers in Japan, Singapore, and Germany in 2025. In addition, a partnership with the global hospitality firm TGP International will help to open 50 more Question Coffee Cafés around the world.

Agricultural Fund

Tanzania

In 2021, we partnered with CARE in Tanzania to develop an agricultural fund that supports tea, herb, and spice growers by allowing them to pool their savings and take out small loans to expand their work. To date, over 41,000 farmers have enrolled in the fund, 72 percent of whom are women. These women collectively saved $1.93 million in 2025 – allowing a group of them to open the country's first locally owned tea-processing plant. The success of the plant led the government of Tanzania to commit to investing in the development of seven more women-led tea-processing and packaging facilities, and to create a new $1 billion fund that will provide low-interest loans to small farms.

Credit: Elizabeth Felicella

Reducing U.S. Wealth Disparities

Mike's commitment to increasing pathways to mobility fueled the 2020 launch of the Greenwood Initiative, which aims to expand wealth-building opportunities for those in the bottom half of the wealth distribution. Barriers to opportunities, such as access to higher education or business- and home-ownership, limit an individual's capacity to build wealth – and have profound impacts that compound across generations.

As part of this effort, we have supported the nation's four historically Black medical schools – Howard University College of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, and Charles Drew University of Medicine & Science – beginning with a $100 million gift in 2020 that significantly reduced the debt burden of nearly 1,000 future doctors. In 2025, the last class of students supported by this gift graduated, with three-quarters working in medically underserved areas and in hospitals that prioritize community health.

Building on this gift, in August 2024, we announced a further $600 million commitment to expand each school's financial sustainability and bolster their endowments to fund financial aid in perpetuity. We also provided funding to help accelerate the opening of Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine, a new medical school associated with Xavier University of Louisiana that will now open in 2027.

Our Greenwood Initiative also endows a PhD program at Johns Hopkins University, named for Dr. Vivien Thomas. To date, the Vivien Thomas Scholars Initiative has supported 74 PhD students in science, technology, engineering, and math, who are leading research on infectious diseases, uses of AI in surgery, and more.

True to our approach of following the data, we launched a major new data platform in 2022 to ensure policy experts, researchers, and leaders have access to the information they need to advance wealth-building opportunities.

As one of the most comprehensive sources of wealth data in the country, the platform hosts nearly 90 datasets on topics including education, homeownership, employment, and debt to help inform decision-making. In 2025, Johns Hopkins University School of Government and Policy became the platform's institutional home so more leaders, researchers, and students can use the data to shape policy.

The Greenwood Initiative continues to expand one-on-one financial counseling services to cities across the country, based on a successful model that Mike rolled out during his time as mayor to improve the financial stability of all New Yorkers. In 2025, three new Financial Empowerment Centers opened, bringing the total to 38. To date, these centers have helped over 201,000 clients increase their cumulative savings by nearly $70 million and decrease debt by more than $344 million. We launched an additional effort in 2025 to introduce dedicated legacy planning services at centers in 30 cities, ensuring residents can protect and pass down assets to the next generation.

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Dr. Jarvis Garner

Howard University College of Medicine
Class of 2022

Dr. Jarvis Garner, an emergency medicine physician at Ennis Regional Medical Center outside of Dallas, Texas, was a recipient of our 2020 gift to the nation's four historically Black medical schools. The debt reduction gave him vital financial relief and the flexibility to choose his specialty without being driven by loan repayment – opening doors to practice where he could do the most good. Today, Dr. Garner works in a rural community – providing essential, culturally competent care to the patients who need it most. He credits the gift as being a stepping stone in his own long-term financial freedom and strengthening the next generation of doctors.



Ennis Regional Medical Center • Ennis, Texas

"That gift left us speechless. It gave us confidence, real financial relief, and a responsibility to give back: to mentor others, bridge gaps in care, and bring quality medicine to communities that need it most."

– DR. JARVIS GARNER



Johns Hopkins University • Baltimore, Maryland



Advancing Breakthroughs in Medical Research

Bloomberg Philanthropies has long invested in advancing medical research for diseases and disorders that receive limited attention and funding – particularly where bold, unconventional approaches are needed. Across all of our work, we prioritize data and deep partnerships to achieve meaningful progress, while remaining flexible so we can address new challenges and take risks when necessary. In medical research, we seek partners who share that philosophy and are committed to advancing discovery through collaboration, information-sharing, and a willingness to support out-of-the-box ideas.

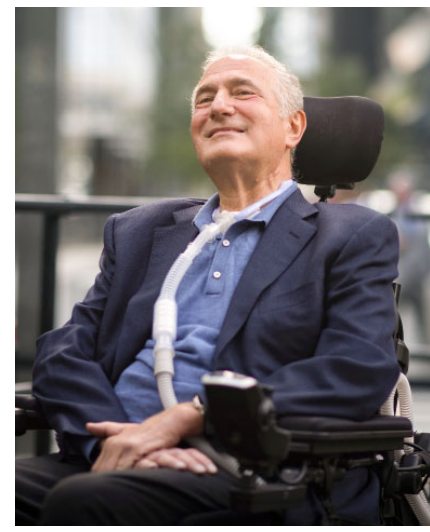
Bloomberg Philanthropies has provided sustained support to organizations addressing traditionally underfunded medical challenges, including the Lupus Research Alliance, which we have supported since 1994. This funding has helped drive major medical breakthroughs, including research that has led to two of the only three FDA-approved therapies to treat lupus in the last 70 years, and nearly 20 new drug and diagnostic patents. In addition to our broad support at Johns Hopkins, we fund several cutting-edge medical research programs, including the Neurofibromatosis Therapeutic Acceleration Program, the Malaria Research Institute, and the Bloomberg~Kimmel Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy. We also support Target ALS, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and New York Genome Center, among others. Through these partnerships, we aim to accelerate research that will give doctors more effective tools to meaningfully advance outcomes for patients and families.

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Target ALS

We support Target ALS, an organization dedicated to accelerating treatments and advancing research in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a progressive neurodegenerative disease. Founded by our board member Dan Doctoroff, Target ALS brings together leading scientists across institutions to pursue bold research and openly share data and tools to speed discovery. Target ALS has developed a powerful open-science infrastructure to support researchers worldwide, providing more than 1,800 research projects and datasets through its data engine, which has been accessed by over 500 researchers across the globe.

Between 2023 and 2025, Target ALS supported more than 100 investigators, helping identify new therapeutic targets, advance biomarker research, and prompt new clinical trials. Through large-scale genome sequencing and new drug discovery collaborations, Target ALS is building the scientific foundation needed to accelerate the development of effective therapies for people living with ALS.



Left: We support groundbreaking medical research on malaria, neurofibromatosis, and cancer immunotherapy treatments at Johns Hopkins University. Right: Our board member Dan Doctoroff, founder of Target ALS, attended a street naming in his honor in Manhattan in September 2025.

OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

Globally, Bloomberg Philanthropies identifies pressing challenges, convenes expert partners, and tests and implements solutions that save and improve lives. Our approach is grounded in Mike Bloomberg's experience in business, government, and philanthropy, and it guides all of our work.

Look for unmet needs

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Papua New Guinea signed the High Seas Treaty, which entered into force this year to protect international waters.

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