Powering Real, Lasting Social Change

At Benetech, we harness the power of software and data to drive positive social change. Our mission is to empower communities with software for social good. We enable inclusive access to critical information for marginalized populations and connect communities to leverage information for good. We envision a collective information future that values and enables diversity and equality, not one that allows technology and data to entrench inequality and exclusion. We serve as a bridge between the social sector and Silicon Valley by working closely with both communities to identify needs and software solutions that can drive real, lasting social change. Our software includes solutions for education, human rights, and poverty.

We’ve been thrilled by Benetech’s ability to repeatedly reach scale in bridging Silicon Valley tech and social impact, and I’m proud to have supported them for the past 10 years.

— JEFF SKOLL, FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, THE SKOLL FOUNDATION
**About Benetech**
Benetech is a nonprofit that empowers communities with software for social good. Our work transforms how people with disabilities read and learn, makes it safer for human rights defenders to pursue truth and justice, and connects people to the services they need to live and prosper. We’re constantly pursuing the next big social impact.

**Constant Innovation**
The need for software to empower social good only continues to rise. Through ongoing innovation, we pursue software initiatives that enable justice, education, access to services, and rights for all by leveraging information and data for good, not for profit.

**Benetech Labs**
Benetech Labs is our innovation and new product development center, where we explore areas of need and develop solutions by engaging with communities, other technologists, and nonprofits. We focus on finding and developing effective platforms that Benetech and the communities we serve can take to scale and achieve lasting social impact.

**Education**
Our work in education is focused on one big thing: making learning inclusive for everyone around the world. We provide books to people that read and learn differently through Bookshare, the world’s largest accessible online library; we run DIAGRAM, an R&D center that creates new ways for people who learn differently to access books, math, images, video, and other learning materials; and we drive systemic change in the publishing industry through Born Accessible, an initiative to make all ebooks fully accessible when they are first created.

"Bookshare has had a huge impact on my life. It’s my hope that all people with reading disabilities such as dyslexia are able to use Bookshare to succeed in the classroom and become lifelong learners." — BRIAN MEERSMA, BOOKSHARE MEMBER

**Human Rights**
Our human rights work empowers rights defenders around the world to pursue truth and justice. Our Connected Civil Society initiative uses ethical AI to turn conflict data into actionable evidence to promote justice. Our solutions are also enabling people with disabilities to provide firsthand reports of the issues they face, and we’re using gamification for human rights training.

**Poverty**
Inequity demands social action. Lack of access to education, employment, health, housing, and justice hinders human progress. We’re driven to level the playing field by providing collaborative software platforms. Through information and data exchange we can help close the gaps and provide a bridge to new opportunities for those who need it. Benetech Service Net is making it easier to share and maintain information on social and human services.

"We are excited to work with Benetech as a partner in efforts to transform the safety net here in California by expanding the reach and impact of health and human services data, and potentially increase our efficiency, enhance our sustainability, and expand the impact of our operations." — PETER MANZO, PRESIDENT AND CEO, UNITED WAYS OF CALIFORNIA

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