

Good at Heart

Eighth grade ELA did a thematic study of the Holocaust this semester. It is a difficult subject that always leads students to reflect on the events and immense cruelty of the events. Students often ask, "How could something this horrible ever happen?" We have discussions about the economic and conditions of the times. Nevertheless, it can be a difficult unit to experience.

*It's really a wonder that I
haven't dropped
all my ideals,
because they seem so
absurd and impossible to
carry out. Yet I keep
them,
because in spite of
everything,
I still believe
that people are really
good at heart.*

— Anne Frank

This year, ELA teachers were inspired by the words of Anne Frank. We only have to look around the Austin community to see countless people making a positive impact on the world. We challenged students to research an individual or organization that counters the hate we just read about in our unit. Students wrote articles and created 2 page spreads to show how our world is filled with many people and organizations who prove Anne's words to be true.

We would like to give a special thanks to Fred Benitez, our campus Educational Partner. He helped the ELA teacher with the technology of the project and created the beautiful book for each class. We hope you enjoy it.

The Works of Raoul Wallenberg

By Gabe Allen

Who is Raoul Wallenberg? It is likely you do not recognize this name, but Raoul Wallenberg was a quiet hero throughout World War II. He stepped up to the plate and made a difference when it counted. He was a Swedish hero, and he has saved an estimated one-hundred-thousand Jews through Adolf Hitler's reign. He was an outspoken man who proved his bravery in nineteen-forty, and his work showed.



Raoul Wallenberg was determined to make a

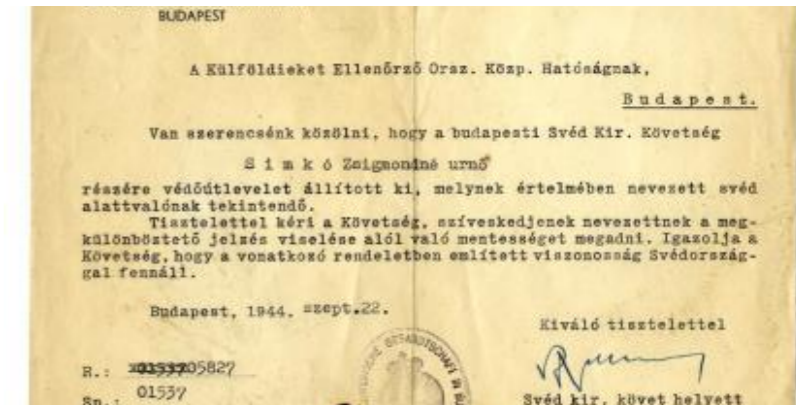
difference in 1936. He got a job in present day Israel, where he heard first hand stories from Jewish immigrants who used to live in Germany. He heard about Hitler's views, and he heard about the dehumanization of his own citizens. He heard more and more throughout the next four years, and it tortured him. He felt the need to help. In a snap, Raoul Wallenberg applied for many jobs to help. Soon, he got a job as Swedish diplomat in Budapest, Hungary. His mission: to save as many Jews as possible. In this situation, most people would recognize the problem and do nothing about it, but he was intent on making a difference in the current world of evil. That one step he took required integrity and courage. He really changed from an ordinary Swedish man to somebody stood up in World War II.

Raoul Wallenberg used his previous skills from

college to save many Jewish families. He opened an office right next to a Jewish ghetto. To carry out his work, he hired four-hundred undercover workers. With the workers, their business produced certificates of protection and then smuggled the certificates into Hungarian-Jewish families in nearby ghettos. These papers stated that the people in possession weren't allowed to be captured by the Nazis. The United States heard about his success and gave him extra funding for his project. With that funding, he then bought thirty-two safe houses for Jews to hide out in. By using the certificates and safe houses alone, he saved about fifty-thousand Jewish lives. He created a brilliant system for saving many families from the Germans.

Raoul Wallenberg really showed his bravery when

the war was about to end. Adolf Hitler, knowing he was soon to be defeated, wanted to exterminate as many Jews as he could. Wallenberg heard about a plan to kill all the in a nearby ghetto; he had to act fast. Wallenberg talked to the officer leading the attack. He said "The war was about to end, and you and your troops would be arrested if you carry this out," and that was enough to convince the commanding officer to call off the attack. Over seventy-thousand Jews were living in that ghetto. If the German officer said no, he would be instantly arrested and ultimately executed. He put his life on the line to save people that he had never seen in his life, and that was brave.



This is a real certificate of protection used in Raoul Wallenberg's workshop.

"I will never be able to go back to Sweden without knowing inside myself that I'd done all a man could do to save as many Jews as possible"
-Raoul Wallenberg

Raoul Wallenberg saved many families who didn't

even know who he was. There were no "thank you's", but he didn't do it for that. He saved people because he cared. He was and still is a role model for our society today. He will always be remembered for his bravery and leadership during World War II.

Interactive timeline of Raoul Wallenberg:

<https://www.timetoast.com/timelines/raoul-wallenberg>

Mikhail Gorbachev

In the middle of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States, it was Mikhail Gorbachev who decided to peacefully negotiate putting down our weapons. Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union (the only person ever in that position), ended the Cold War peacefully. His maturity and responsibility proves there is still good in the world, but how did his actions prove this?



Mikhail Gorbachev gave up lots of power as the President of the Soviet Union. For example, his demilitarization of the Soviet Nuclear Program caused the prevention of an all out nuclear war between the United States and the USSR. He dissolved the USSR, diminishing his power down to only Russia, rather than the area around it. He also dissolved the Eastern Bloc, the Soviet controlled section of Europe following World War II. After this, he was content with with Germany joining NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organization). He then stepped down as president, he believed that the country was being torn apart, a Coup D'état staged by Boris Yeltsin was a major factor in this. Gorbachev didn't want a civil war, saying that "a split in society and a struggle in a country like ours, overflowing with weapons, including nuclear ones, could have left so many people dead and caused such destruction. I could not let that happen just to cling on to power. Stepping down was my victory." This shows that he did the things that he did, not for himself, rather for the greater good of the world.

Under Gorbachev's rule, World Peace greatly improved. The Cold War was ended peacefully, thanks to his peaceful, democratic negotiation. For example, after eight years of no meeting between Soviet and American leaders, a summit was held in Geneva. While there were not any war ending agreements immediately, the meeting went very well. The relationship between the US and the USSR became much better after this. Had they not met, the Cold War could have been much worse. He also indirectly caused the fall of Communism in Occupied Eastern Europe. It was under him that the Berlin Wall fell. He believed that Communism was a choice for other countries, rather than a requirement. "We are not abandoning our convictions, our philosophy or traditions, nor do we urge anyone to abandon theirs". Gorbachev's more modern, democratic ideologies led the world to a peace period, one that we have maintained poorly since.

Gorbachev is not just an important political figure in the past, but he remains an active positive figure today. He still travels around Russia and the world, solving problems in modern society. The foundation that he created focuses on solving political, social, and economic problems in today's world. He works against poverty and corruption, making for a better overall infrastructure. But how has he helped? For example, he defended the Crimean Status Refrendum, something that the Crimean population had voted in favor for. He is also a member of the Club of Madrid, a group of former world leaders who work to make democracy stronger. His ability to not only improve the world in the past, but in today's society, shows that he really cares about making our world a safe, peaceful place.

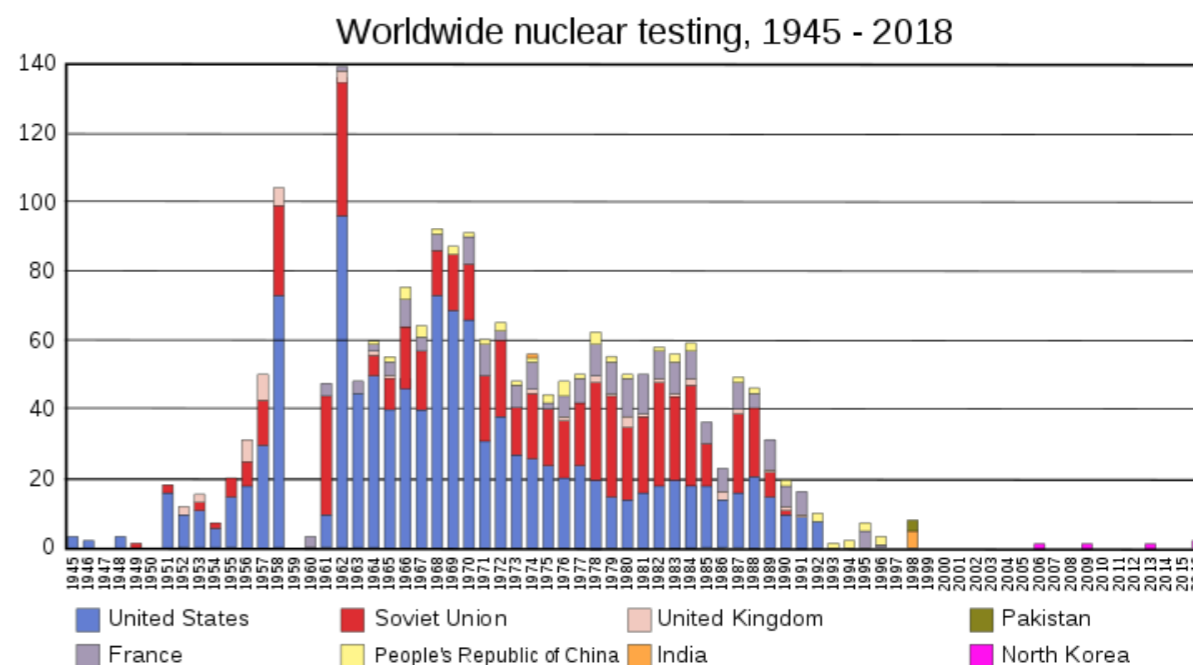
Mikhail Gorbachev's ability to selflessly give up his power for the greater good shows that he wants a peaceful world in the future. His ability to negotiate with who may have been seen as the enemy by his country shows that he cares not about popularity necessarily, but the safety of our world. His activeness in not just the past, but the present shows that he wants a peaceful world. In conclusion, Gorbachev cares that no matter what, we live in a safe world. This shows that there is still selflessness, maturity, caring, and good in the world.



Former President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev shaking hands

"What we need is Star Peace and not Star Wars"

-Mikhail Gorbachev



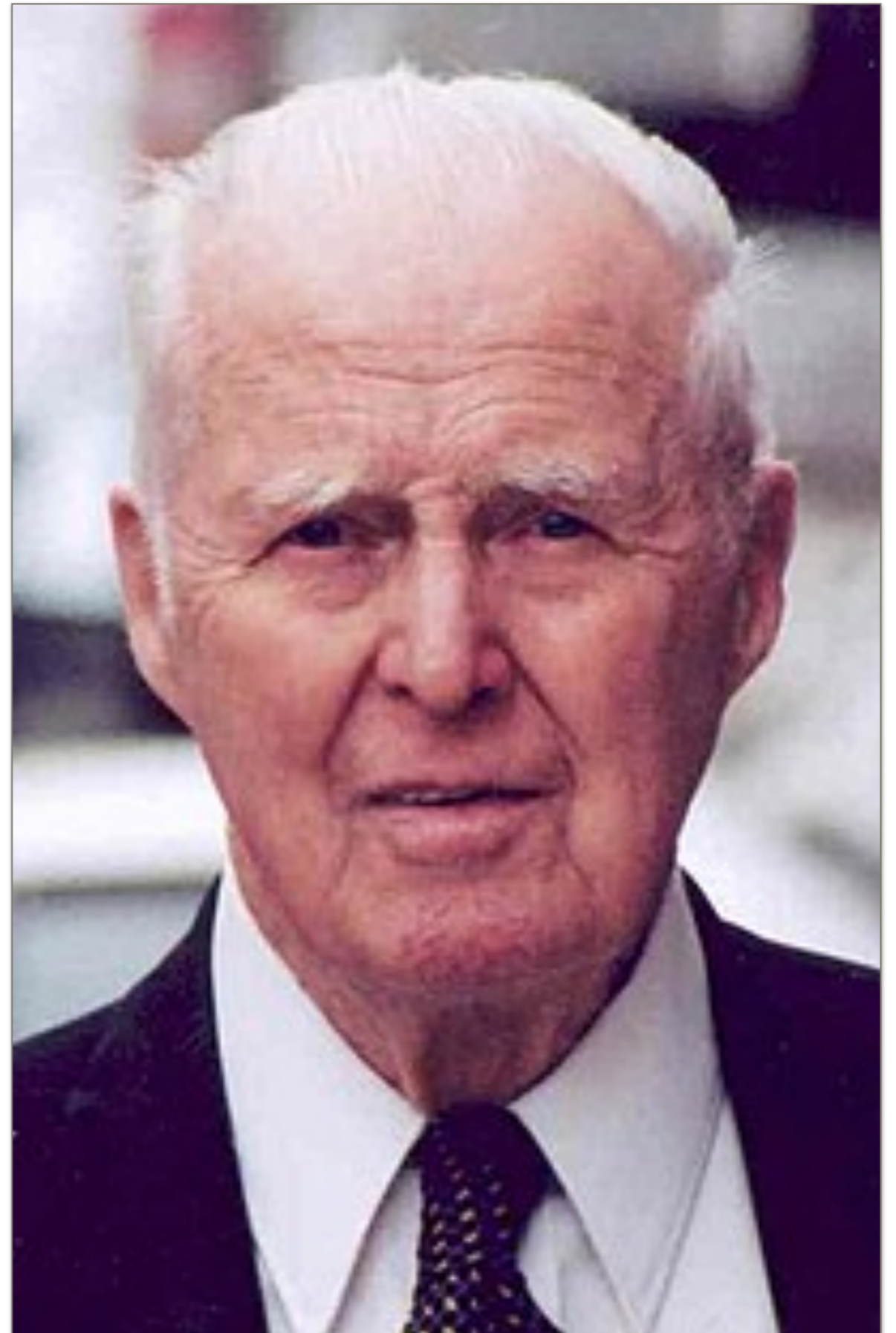
Decline in number of Soviet Missiles around the time of Gorbachev's Presidency

Norman Borlaug

The Man Who Fed The World

By Scott Baumhart Leveille

*N*orman Borlaug was an agronomist who worked to feed the growing population of Earth. He conducted his research in Mexico where he developed high yield, semi-dwarf, disease resistant wheat varieties, and he is credited with saving over a billion people from starvation. Borlaug is called “The Father of the Green Revolution,” and he founded the World Food Prize Foundation. Borlaug was recognized for his work with the Nobel Prize, Presidential Medal of Freedom, and Congressional Gold Medal. Norman Borlaug is proof that there is good in the world.



Norman Borlaug in 2004

Wheat Research

Norman Borlaug did good in the world because his wheat research in Mexico started the spread of new farming technologies to the developing world. Borlaug spent sixteen years in Mexico breeding wheat. To shorten the growth time, Borlaug grew a double wheat season. He bred wheat in Mexico's central highlands during the summer, and then he took the seeds north to the Yaqui Valley research station. Borlaug was trying to breed wheat that would have the best yields possible. First, he bred disease resistant wheat. Then, he bred them to be semi-dwarf varieties. Taller wheat got more sunlight, but often collapsed from the weight of the extra grain during rapid growth spurts. To prevent their collapse, Borlaug bred his wheat with a Japanese dwarf variety. The thicker, shorter stalks could support more heads of grain. By 1963, Mexico's wheat yield was six times the yield in 1944, when Borlaug began his work. The hardier, higher yielding wheat allowed Mexico to become not only self sufficient, but a exporter wheat.

World Food Prize

Norman Borlaug made sure his good work would be continued after his death when he founded the World Food Prize Foundation. The World Food Prize is awarded to individuals that have improved the quality, quantity, or availability of food in the world. Borlaug wanted a way to recognize people who fight hunger, or as he called it, "The Population Monster". Borlaug also wanted to establish role models for future generations, so that they too would work to end hunger. The foundation is still active today.

Green Revolution

Borlaug did incredibly good work. He is credited with saving a billion people from starvation through his work in South Asia and Africa. In the mid 1960s, India and Pakistan were at war. This caused minor famine and starvation in both countries. In 1965, Borlaug and his team sent 1,000 tons of seeds and began planting to research seed quality and seed germination rate. The germination rate is used to find the seed requirements for a certain number of plants in an area. They often worked in sight of artillery flashes. Borlaug's seeds had higher yields than ever recorded in South Asia. Shortly after, India and Pakistan imported 60,000 tons of seeds to grow the high yield wheat. Both countries went from importing hundreds of thousands of tons of wheat to self sufficient in nine years. In the early 1980s, environmental groups campaigned against Borlaug's planned expansion to Africa. Why didn't they want his seeds and technologies? Because the life saving crops were "inorganic". They caused the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations to stop their projects in Africa, and Western European countries were pressured to stop supplying them with fertilizer. Despite this, Borlaug founded the Sasakawa Africa Association to implement his methods. By 2008, over 8 million farmers in 15 African countries have been trained in Borlaug's methods.

Norman Borlaug made the world a better place. He fed his generation and inspired the next. Borlaug traveled to war zones and third world countries to feed them. He spoke out for the need for more agricultural technology and other advancements that will be needed to feed a rapidly growing population. Truly, he was a good man.

First Step For Mankind

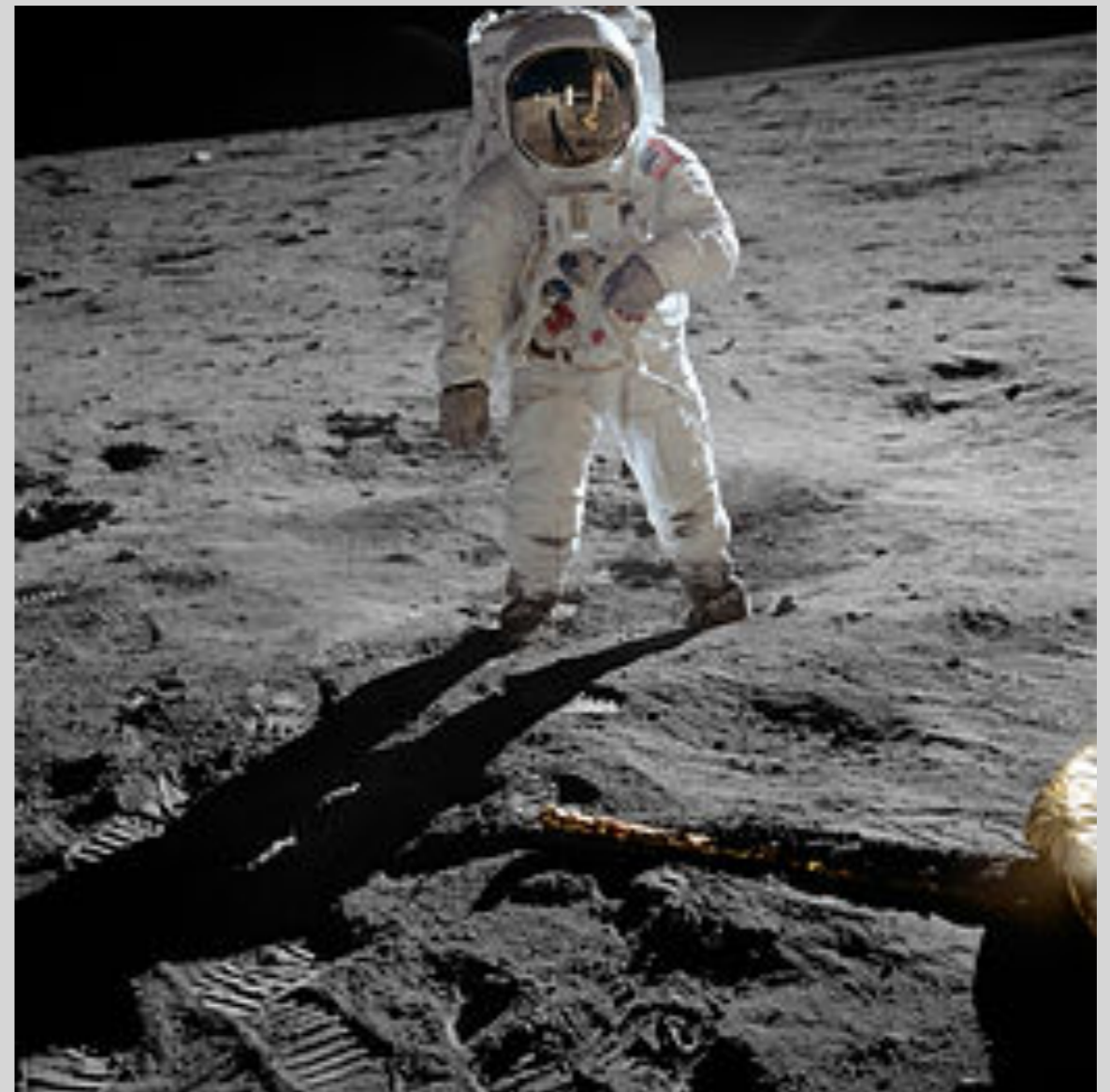
By: Rachel Bocoock



Many people have changed the world, good and bad. Neil Armstrong is an example on how the world has changed for the better by completing the impossible. He has been an example since July 20, 1969, the first time man stepped foot on the moon.

For starters, Neil Armstrong is an excellent example of a leader. He led the Apollo 11 knowing that there was dangers to come, including not surviving and not returning to Earth. Luckily that didn't happen but there's always a risk. He went to space with new technology that no one else has ever tried before. He was willing to risk his own life in space in order to explore and advance new technology to help others learn and teach.

“That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind”



This is the first time man stepped foot on the moon



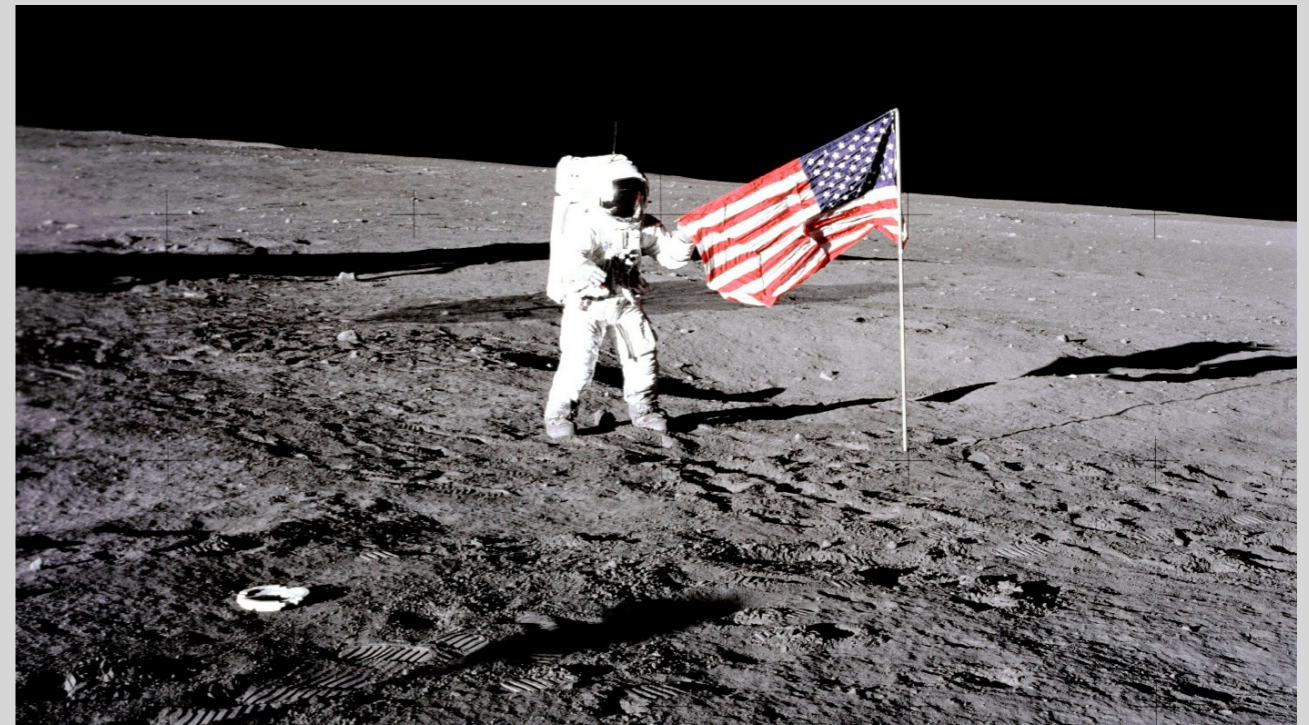
Serving in the Korean War showed the whole world that Neil Armstrong was more than just a creative leader. In 1949 he was called to serve in the military. This interrupted his studies in aeronautical engineering. He was at Purdue University on a U.S. Navy scholarship at the time.

Neil Armstrong successfully flew 78 combat missions during the conflict of the military. This showed the World that he did not give up during an unexpected twist which interrupted his dream. This also convinced people not to give up even if something happens along the way.

He experienced some hard times throughout this unexpected adventure but showed that even in the most difficult times, he did his best to get through them. Neil Armstrong is even more of a hero to this day because he influenced the world with his achievements.

Not only is Neil Armstrong the first person to land on the moon, but he also likes to help out people in hard situations. Right before he retired to Telluride Colorado, he donated \$50,000 to NASA. He wanted the research to expand. He hoped he wouldn't be the only one to land on the moon, so that others could experience the excitement that he did. This showed the good in him because he wanted to help people achieve the impossible like he did.

When Neil Armstrong brought back the information from space, it helped the world become more advanced as it is to this day. This allowed for NASA to continue the studies in space and get farther in their education.



This is Neil Armstrong putting up the American flag in Space

How Adults With Autism Receive Help Once They Reach Adulthood

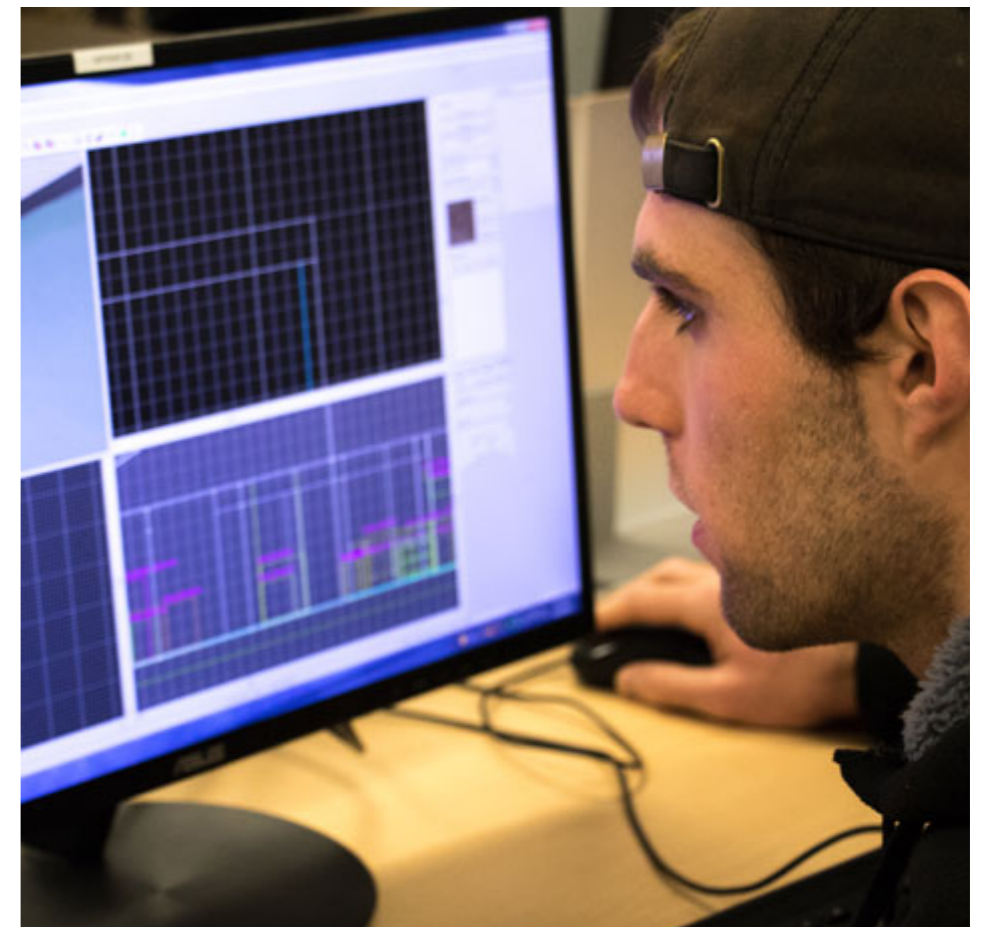
By: Isabella Breeden

What happens to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) when they become grown-ups? Do they receive help, or are they forced to figure things out on their own? Switching over to adulthood can be a very difficult step for everyone, but especially for people with this disorder. So how do they do it? Well, thanks to several organizations, none of these adults have to go through the transition alone.

For starters, the NonPareil Institute guides their students on the steps to success. They help adults after they graduate high school to become more independent and self reliant. They teach the crew members — the students that are receiving the help— beneficial skills, so they can learn to do more things by themselves. One especially cool aspect of the nonprofit is that it teaches the crew members computer and technology skills which gets them ready to become real-life employees. Some of the adults that go through the program come back to the institute and teach classes on how to use computer programs. One crew member that returned after going through the program is Alexander Theurer. The article states that, “Now an instructor, Alexander teaches other young adults on the spectrum how to use programs, such as Photoshop, in a computer lab on campus.” However, others usually choose to go out and work in a professional environment to start making their own money. Through this institute your loved one could end up becoming more successful than you ever imagined.



Crew members learning how to use computer programs



Another organization that helps adults with ASD is Marbridge. For some adults with greater severities of autism living alone just isn't in the equation, so Marbridge offers them a lifetime home. They have three options for living, which are the villa, the ranch, and the village. They are all considered a substitute for group homes. You will need to pay \$550 to apply and see if you are able to afford your loved one living there. By having this offered to them their lives and their family members' lives will become less stressful. Even though they will be living with caregivers that doesn't mean they can't be independent. Marbridge gives them many opportunities that make them self sufficient, such as doing their own laundry, assisting each other, and having their own jobs there. One other very important thing it does for them is that it gives everyone very helpful life skills, like teaching them how to care for the world around them through things such as gardening. "It teaches us patience commitment and teamwork, and provides a sense of accomplishment" (Mark Knox). Mark Knox is an instructor at Marbridge who brought the vegetable garden to the campus. Gardening can also teach them ways of getting rid of their stress, which could be quite important for these adults, who might tend to get frustrated very easily. Overall, Marbridge gives so many opportunities to make these adults thrive, and lead more normal, responsible lives.

I also really enjoy Marbridge, since they let volunteers come and hang out with the residents. On Thursdays, they let outsiders come in and play bingo with them, and talk with them about how they are doing. The staff at Marbridge finds that having volunteers come in is very beneficial to the residents because they enjoy having many new friends to talk to. Usually when I talk to everyone they always seem extremely happy, and it just makes me feel good to be able to

see what this amazing institute is doing for these adults. I always love to hear about their new stuffed animal, a new skill that they learned, and getting to see the craft they made in art class. Marbridge always has a ton of fun activities such as art classes to keep them interacting with each other, and also to try and find fun ways to educate them or teach them new skills. It's very vital to make sure that these adults are getting enough time to hang out with each other, and are able to make friends through activities they all like!

The quality of life of these adults and their families has greatly improved due to these organizations. Everyone has hopes and dreams to grow and be independent, and luckily with some help their goals can be achieved. They can go out and receive a job, or if they need a little more assistance stay on a Marbridge campus with a roommate and get a job there! Even though they have a disorder that puts limits on their abilities that doesn't mean they can't feel and want the same things as others. All they need is a little push to get them started on their independent successful life.



Some of the adults at Marbridge learning how to garden!

Small Beginnings

Hope For Paws is an 8-year-old animal rescue organization that helps animals with no home get help and a home. Hope For Paws raises awareness for abandoned and abused animals. People dump their animals with medical conditions anywhere, and Hope For Paws goal is to help them.



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Eldad Hagar with 2 dogs that he rescued together



8 puppies that were rescued in a storm

By:Ella Graham

A Worldwide Hero

Different races, religions, beliefs and skins colors; In Michelle Obama's eyes, they are all the same. Mrs.Obama supports everyone all around the globe, and that is proof that there is good in the world. There are always going to be people that think differently than others, but Michelle Obama is one of the many people that supports everyone. She donates to charity, starts programs, and visits many kids in the Make A Wish Foundation. Michelle was the first African American first lady, she encourages Black Lives Matter, and helps young children who couldn't afford food.

As First Lady, Michelle Obama launched the Let's Move Foundation, in hopes of decreasing childhood obesity. The Let's Move Foundation gets kids on the right track to a healthy lifestyle. She believes that if children get healthy now and learn about healthy choices they will benefit in the future. The earlier kids learn that being healthy is important, the better outcome of life they will have. Not only is the Let's Move Foundation benefiting, it is also very fun for the kids. Kids can enjoy healthy lunches at school, have fun during physical activity, and the foundation empowers parents and caregivers. For the first time in 15 years, Michelle changed the nutrition standards, and the first time in 30 years she aided the funding for school lunch programs. The foundation provides healthy meals and snacks for more than 50 million kids in the U.S. It is incredibly important for children to get the nutrition they need. It is very difficult for children to learn at their full potential, if they are hungry and they are tired due to malnutrition. Some kids are malnourished due to not enough food at home, or the wrong kinds of food at home. Michelle wanted to change that and now school lunches offer meals with protein, vegetables, vitamins, and healthy fats.



Michelle Obama posing for a [time.com](https://www.time.com) article written by Beyoncé

Equally important, Mrs.Obama is a great role model for young girls all around the world. There are millions of young girls that don't have the opportunity to get an education, and Michelle Obama wants to help. Michelle helped by starting the Global Girls Alliance. The Global Girls Alliance gives scholarships, mentorship programs and trains them to be entrepreneurs. The alliance aids leaders all over the world to help aid the 98 million girls that are currently not in school. Most of the places the alliance aids are places where girls are discriminated, and places where it is illegal to practice education. A place where girls are suffering the worst is Iraq, and many places near Iraq. In addition, Michelle starting the Global Girls Alliance, she also started the Let Girls Learn Foundation. It is a government foundation that ensures that all girls from around the world get an education. The foundation mainly aids girls who are in places of crisis. Mrs. Obama is a 1st generation college graduate in her family, so she can relate to how difficult it may be for people to not have an education. This is very impactful because girls have the right to an education. Girls also have just as much potential, or even more than men. Michelle Obama wants girls to feel as valued as men.

In addition to this, Michelle Obama shows that all lives matter. She participates in parades, tv commercials, books, and magazine articles. She believes that everyone was born equal, and everyone should have equal rights. She has not only helped people in America, but she has helped people all over the world. Michelle participates in many Black Lives Matter parades and speeches. She believes in equal gender pay. The reason Michelle believes this is because women work just as much as men. She believes that anyone can practice any religion they want. Most importantly, she

believes in a free country. Michelle Obama knows what it is like to be treated differently because she is african American and she is a woman. Michelle Obama wants everyone to believe that they can do whatever they want, and what they look like or who they are shouldn't hold them back.

Mrs.Obama is a good person because she has helped change the world in so many ways. She has started the Let's Move Foundation that has helped children suffering from obesity, and she has started the Let Girls Learn and Global Girls Alliance that has helped young girls all around the globe get an education. Michelle Obama has aided people in so many ways, and that shows there is good in the world. What else will Michelle Obama do in the future?



Michelle Obama has her foundation, The Global Girls Alliance

Fixing the life of a plastic knife

Melted plastic swirls around in tall cylindrical vats. After a few minutes, the melted liquid is sent to the molding station where it is formed into many shapes and sizes and cooled. After cooling, the molded plastic is sent to packaging, and then to grocery stores and supermarkets across the nation.

Eventually, after what can be months of waiting, the plastic is bought and used. After one use, the plastic is thrown away without a second thought. In the span of a thousand years, this piece of disposable plastic will languidly degrade or be eaten by a sea creature who will soon choke to death. The life of disposable plastic has been widely debated, yet no one had found a cost effective solution to this problem.

Fortunately, one person saw this problem in the world and was determined to fix it, never giving up even in the most hopeless of times.



Over 100,000 sea creatures die each year by mistaking plastic for food. Despite this outcome, no scientist was willing devote their life to find a solution. However, one person made the commitment to find the secret to solving problem. That man is Marshall Medoff, an 81 year old amateur scientist who has found a way to extract cellulose, a plant fiber that no scientist has been able to reach before due to protection by the cell wall. Twenty five years ago, Medoff decided that he could do good in the world, saying that he was “tired of sitting back and waiting for others to do the work.” Medoff secluded himself in a basement near Walden Pond, giving up his personal life to work. When contemplating the issues of plastics and other harmful waste, Medoff decided that rather than try to recklessly overcome nature as many had before him, he “worked with nature. [Medoff] used an electron accelerator, a machine that is used to strengthen materials, backwards. [he] realized that people were using chemicals and other destructive methods and tried to find a way around that.” Even after many setbacks, including one time when he decided he was taking a wrong approach and restarted everything, Medoff knew what he was doing could help the world, so he continued to think. Finally, after more than 15 years of contemplation, Medoff found a way to extract plant cellulose.

After his astonishing discovery, Medoff found ways to make things that are harmful to the environment- such as corn sugar, plastic, and certain paints- eco-friendly. Medoff went from a completely normal person to someone who was trying his best to save the environment-and succeeding. Nevertheless, Medoff knew his quest for a more sustainable world was not over, and he continued to push his limits, willing to do anything to fulfill the reason why “[he is] here on this earth.” Soon he had started a company to do more good in the world. Xyleco was able to produce Medoffs innovations, such as plastics, paints, and medicines, faster and in larger quantities. After earning a name for the company when Medoff appeared on CBS’s “60 Minutes”, the company created a website and received the publicity they needed. Still, Medoff did not let the recognition get to him. He continued to try and fix problems plaguing the earth.



Medoff shows how easily his plastic can break apart compared to normal plastic (shown above)

Medoff still wasn’t complacent, and decided he could still find a new idea. He invented a source of fuel, one that could change the world and the climate forever. He calls it a “still”, but it is far from an unsatisfactory beverage. Medoff actually created a fuel that reduces emissions by 83% compared to gasoline. Gasoline emissions have risen more than 50% in the last 20 years alone. This new fuel is cheaper than switching to electric cars, and it runs off of cellulose, a resource that can always grow. This fuel-paired with bio-degrading plastics and other innovations-can launch the world itself into a environmentally friendly place.

Marshall Medoff persevered through setbacks and misleading ideas, and even gave up his private life and friends in order to make a simple plastic. Marshall Medoff kept reaching for the stars, never staying complacent with his achievements. Even when fame danced all around Medoff, and wealth beckoned him forward, he said no. No matter what temptations aroused and enticed Medoff, he persisted and never gave up.

Food Banks: Proving That There Is Still Good In The World

Food is a necessary staple in everyone's life. For most, grocery store chains and streetside markets supply our daily necessity of food. Unfortunately, some less lucky souls in this world have little to no food to nourish them. What now? This is where food banks come into play. Locally, the Central Texas Food Bank and the Green Corn Project prove that there is good in the world.

At the onset, the Central Texas Food Bank feeds the less fortunate. The food bank provides food for the needy in twenty one counties of the Lone Star State. Within those twenty one counties, 46,000 Central Texans were and also currently are being touched by kindness from people who care about them. A specific example is Carlos and Vanessa's family. With two young kids, the family faced quite a challenge when they moved to Waco from California's Central Valley. Even though Carlos took a seasonal job, the family still struggled paying rent. Life took a major turn in the right direction for them ever since going to a Partner Agency of the CTFB. The family now receives food from the food bank regularly. Carlos proclaimed, "It really does make a difference." Countless other similar stories occur on a daily basis. The food bank makes sure everyone has good food to eat.

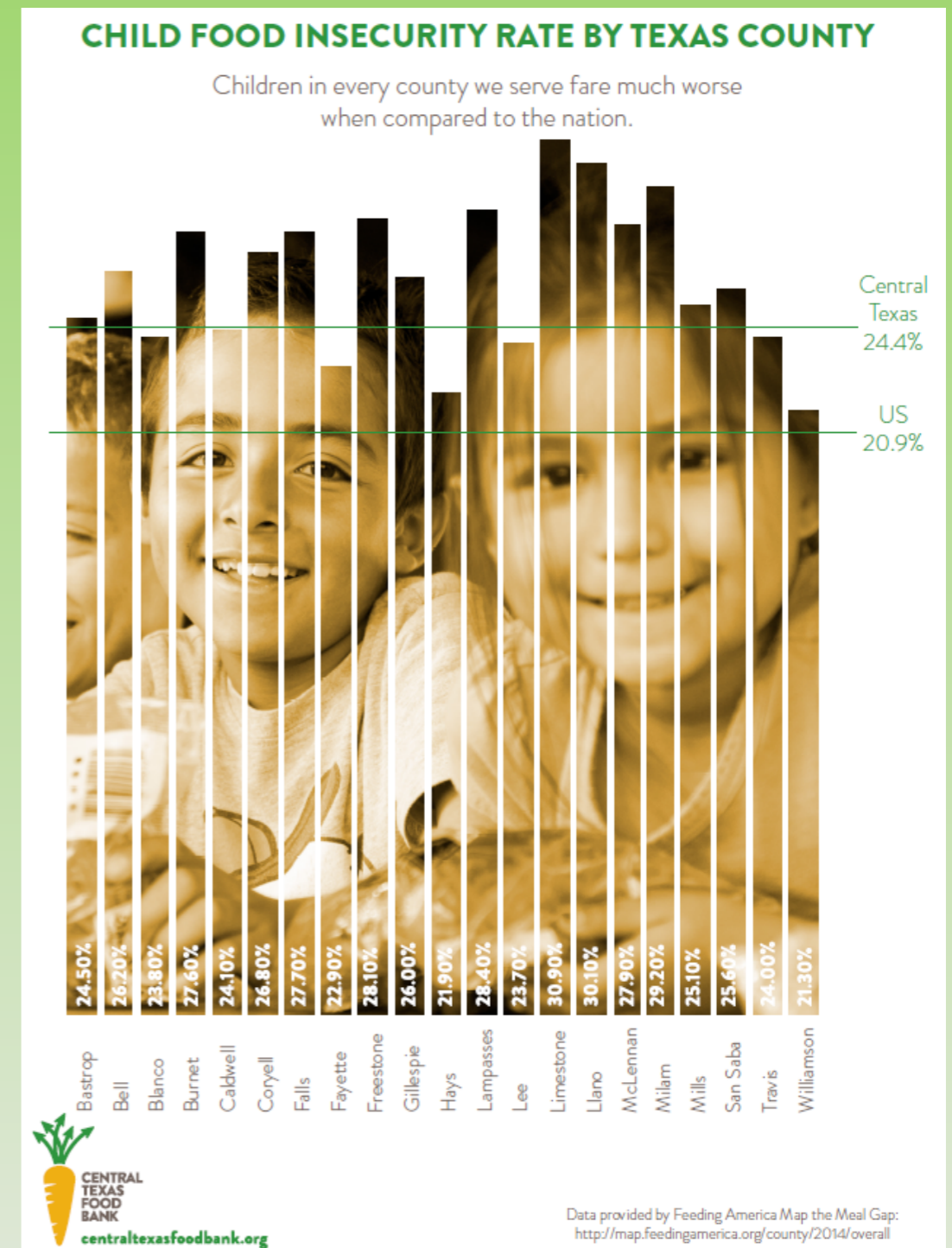
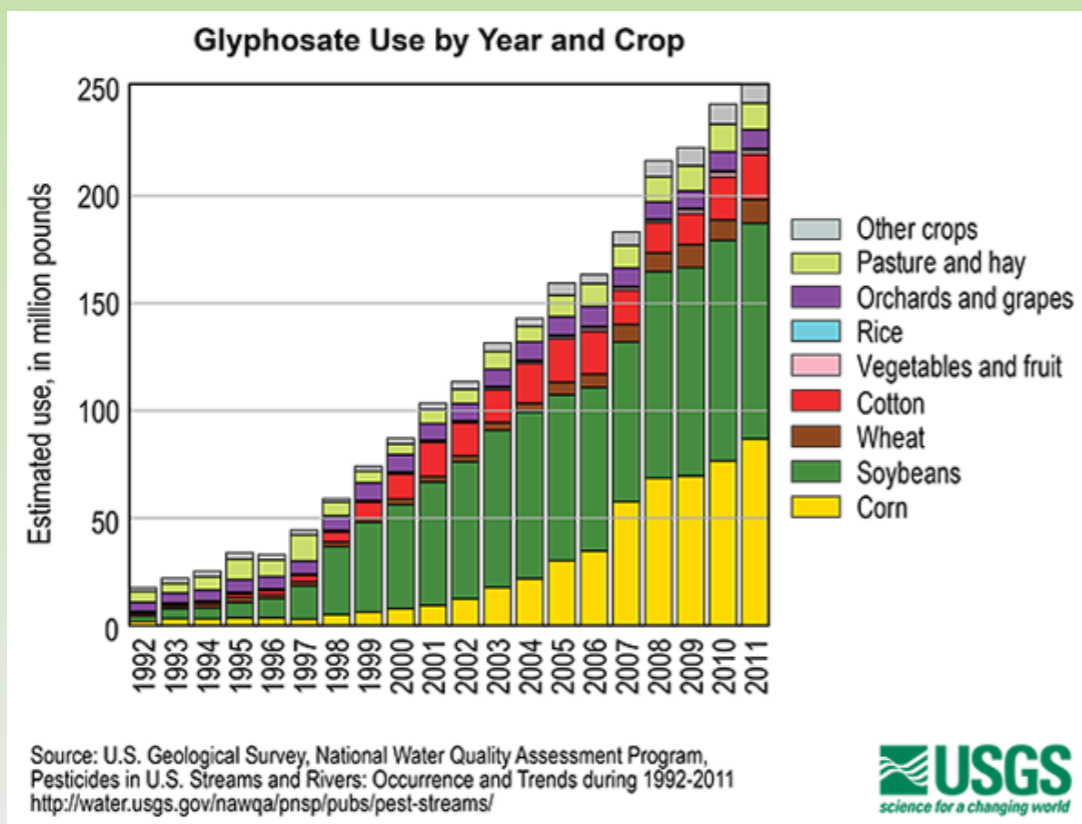
By Charles Guo

In addition to providing good food for people to eat, the Central Texas Food Bank also makes individuals more active in their community through volunteer opportunities. Throughout the year, the CTFB offers community members a variety of ways to contribute to a good cause. Ways to contribute include doing a quality check in the warehouse, cooking in the community kitchen and mobile food pantry, becoming a volunteer leader, becoming a volunteer ambassador, being an office volunteer, educating on nutrition, and gardening in the food bank's garden. Volunteering opportunities such as these show that volunteers care about their community and the world they live in. Not only that, the work that is achieved helps many people in need.

Besides of the Central Texas Food Bank, the Green Corn Project educates consumers about smarter food decisions. Run by volunteers, the project centers around the growth of organic food gardens. Special attention is given to low-income citizens. This results in low income residents becoming healthier than their current state through eating something else than junk food. Elementary schools, community centers, the elderly, disabled people, and shelters also receive high attention. Ways one could volunteer for the Green Corn project include working at a Seeds to Starts workshop (learning about basic gardening

skills), leading dig ins, and working at dig ins. A dig in is where volunteers establish a new garden or refurbish a live one. The Green Corn Project also met with Habitat for Humanity in 2003, and started its Seeds to Starts program in 2007. In addition to the Central Texas Food Bank, the Green Corn Project also proves that there is still good in the world.

Food is a staple in everyone's life. However, almost a third of it is discarded and unused. Food banks such as the Central Texas Food Bank and organizations such as the Green Corn Project help ease the demand for food for a worldwide population of 795 million starving people. In addition to nourishing people, food banks also provide hope and unity to communities in need. Solutions to other problems in society could be detected through food banks. Food banks prove that there is still good in the world.

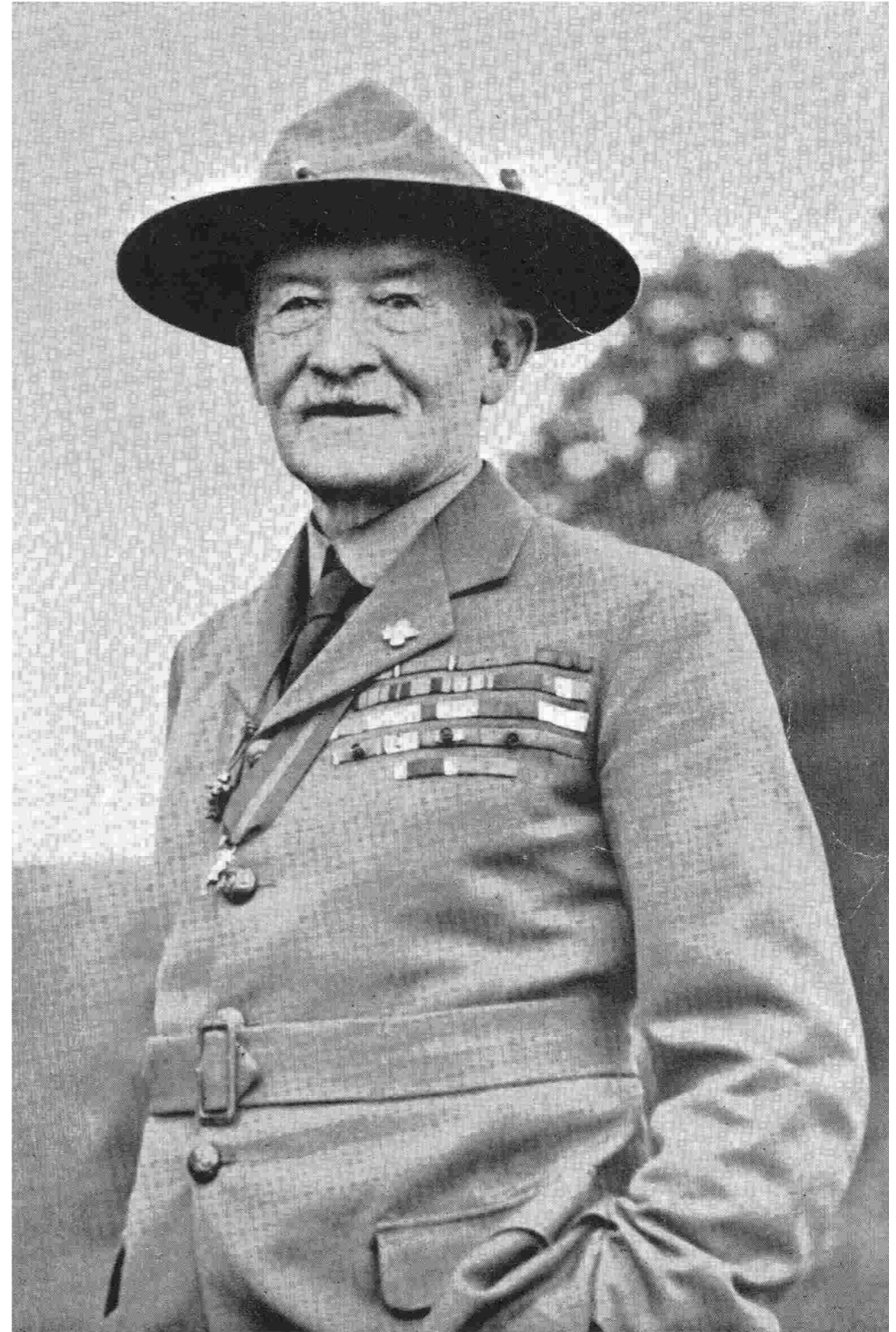


This graph shows how many children per Texas county have to deal with food insecurity .

The Boy Scouts

By: Drake Lewis

*T*he Boy Scouts were founded by Robert Baden-Powell in 1905. Powell was breaking off from the English scouts to go spread the program to the United States. BSA (Boy Scouts of America) incorporates youth leadership, a variety of skills, and comprehensive communication. Different merit badges are also awarded for completing various tasks and requirements. The BSA is providing young boys with amazing knowledge about what adulthood brings to youth.



Fundamentals of Life

Boy Scouts has helped many in the world of business and in the military. It provides young boys the skills that they never knew existed. For example, Scuba-diving, Basketry, Archery, and Fly-fishing are just a few of these diverse and useful merit badges. These fundamentals of life open countless doors to new opportunities in life. The variety of activities has a widespread effect on youth. We see kids at summer camps really take in information and experience activities with interests they want to explore. Are you interested in Nuclear-science? Boy Scouts has just the thing for you!

There is something for everyone in the real world. This is an excellent way to engage your interests and persevere throughout the real world. It is very inspiring to young boys who get to see a professional and tour with them around their office to see what it's like to work in an adult environment.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a very important part of Boy Scouts. Any community can always use a helping hand. Cleaning up brush from a trail makes the community a better place for the people who use that trail for running and walking. It's not uncommon to see Boy Scouts working at a food bank or helping fix houses after a hurricane that did severe damage. For instance, my troop was at the Austin Food Bank, sorting

food and putting bags together for the homeless. The Boy Scouts do all kinds of crazy things, and it's a wonderful experience to be a part of. All in all, Scouting makes the community a better place.

Leadership

Boy Scouts is mainly about teaching youth about leadership. It is one of the most important things to learn during our time in scouting, and the best time to start teaching leadership is when kids are young. It teaches them what being a good leader is, and how it is very important to any company or community. There is one nationally known leadership camp called National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). It shows the youth how to be a good leader by doing various team tasks, trading off team leaders, so we all get a chance to see what leadership is like. NYLT is probably the best way to experience different roles of leadership. My experience was great!

So in summary, leadership demands you to make sacrifices along the way. Good leadership is being helpful to everyone. Having clear communication, quick response times, and helping people, even though it's not your job. Being a qualified leader has other ramifications outside of scouting, too: “When we see ‘Eagle Scout’ on a resume... It's like electric”.

Love Conquers Hate

ChildVoice International

By: Annie Li



“Many years have passed since I escaped life as a child soldier. Though I will carry that part of my life always, it no longer defines me. I am a proud Ugandan woman, wife, mother, friend, entrepreneur, counselor, survivor and child of God.” — Grace, Graduate of ChildVoice’s Lukome Center

Have you ever felt that some days, no matter how many blessings you count in your life, the world seems dark? Some days, no matter how hard you fight, the darkness still attacks you easily. Some days, when you feel like giving up, an angel will come down from the heaven to save you. This world is dark, evil, and dangerous, but there are still many people and organizations who show that there is goodness. One of the organizations that shows this angelic quality in humanity is ChildVoice — a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring the voices of children silenced by war. A lot of children are growing up under the shadow of war, but ChildVoice gives these young victims a hope of brighter future and better life.

ChildVoice impacts less-fortunate children in poverty-stricken country. Their

desire is to break the cycle of abuse aimed at adolescent girls. One of the many functions of ChildVoice is to establish Girl Empowerment Centers for young females who have been victimized by war. Sadly, many of these young girls have children to care for themselves, and lack the education needed to care for themselves, their children, and pursue an education or career at the same time. These centers provide group therapy opportunities to help these adolescents heal psychologically from the invisible wounds caused by the loss of innocence and war. Many girls meet lifelong friends among the counselors and other females in the program, and the Groups provide support for their developing children as well. ChildVoice operated out of a Center-Based Program, which means their campus features state-of-the-art progressive education programs in

their Boarding School. This non-traditional method of teaching allows these young women who are scarred by war to rebuild their lives with a focus on relationship building, skills-acquisition, education, and empowerment. A vocational Center on the campus helps young girls transition from childhood to young adulthood by presenting them with hands-on learning experiences and training necessary to acquire skills needed to move into the job world. Comprehensive counseling services are provided throughout the girls’ stays to ensure a strong mental and psychosocial foundation for the young mothers as they focus on their multifaceted lives as girls, mothers, students, and job-seekers. This holistic approach to healing allows these girls to be fed in body, mind, and spirit as they transition out of the Centers.

By operating these programs, ChildVoice also helps improve the lives of future generations. These adolescent girls didn't get to go to school; they couldn't learn anything that we learn in school; most of them couldn't even read or write. The only thing in their mind was to survive, so they would always have to be extremely careful and fight for the chance of living. ChildVoice changed the track of their lives. They don't have to fight for living anymore, they can learn just like us, and they can give their kids a better life. Even though ChildVoice can't save every single victims from the war, but it always tries its best to help as many as they can.

Every girl affected by ChildVoice has a story, and some are even brave enough to share it. *Enduring the Night*, a book that talks about all the courageous stories of survival by former girl soldiers, shows how their lives were completely broken but beautifully transformed. "For girls in the bush, life was somehow harder. Some days when I thought I could just die, I found that there was still more to endure the night." Grace, a survivor who was abducted and



"I am a changed person now . . . My journey is never ending, but now I can move forward in strength and with confidence, ready to endure the night." - Grace

taken as a child soldier at the age of 10, was forced to fight, maim, and kill or be killed. She was then taken as a "bride" at age 12 and became a mother shortly after. Years of torture ensued, but even after she escaped from the rebel army, her suffering did not end. Stigmatized and rejected by her community, her life became one of loneliness, poverty, isolation, anger, bitterness and hopelessness. Grace's story doesn't end there — through her faith and a new life in ChildVoice, she is thriving.

Today, there are 35 conflict zones around the world, where children are growing up in the shadow of war. Everyday for them is a nightmare, and sometimes living is harder than death. This world is filled with darkness, but good people make it brighter. ChildVoice shows us how just a little goodness can save many lives, and how just a little love can conquer the hate.

By: Bela Madrid

Malala Yousafzai and Her Journey to Heroism

People young and old from all over the globe have changed the world for the better. One of those people is the 22-year-old Malala Yousafzai.

She continues to shape the molds of society where every boy and girl has a right to education.

Malala risks her life, freedom and family for the cause that she believes in. When the Taliban seized control of her hometown they banned girls from going to school. She then decided to take the matter into her own hands. Blogging anonymously about the injustices of the Taliban and speaking publicly about girls right's had Malala fighting for her life in a hospital. On October 9, 2012 she was shot on the way to school. That shot was meant to end her life. Instead, that shot amplified her voice and her demand was heard all over the world. The demand for the right to education.

Recovering from her accident, Malala gathered her strength and she raised millions for boys' and girls' education. She created The Malala Fund that raises awareness for educational rights. It also helps out governments from countries all over the world build better school systems. Malala also wrote an autobiography sharing her story with millions. Through feats of wonder Malala became recognized as a hero. At just 17, Malala, along with Kailash Satyarthi, won the Nobel Peace Prize making Malala the youngest Nobel laureate.



Malala is speaking for the United Nations Youth Assembly in NY July 12, 2013

*“We realize the importance
of our voice only when we
are silenced.”*

-Malala Yousafzai

Education should be something that governments should always try to improve. Education is a powerful tool that can make a country thrive. Imagine a country without education. Ignorance plagues the people and the land is infected with poverty. Education is the foundation to a healthy world and is the groundwork to success. Why would anyone deny themselves that and others of a strong world? Malala made people realize this and with it, is dramatically breaking the confines of society and it into a better world.

No matter gender, skin color or disability, learning is the key to flourishing. Everyone should have the right to knowledge and education. The world is lucky to have people like Malala and so many others that aren't afraid to face huge challenges to make their voice heard.



Picture of Malala after getting shot in the head

By Sara Medina

Malala's Fight For Women's Rights

Are there really good people in this world? Can people find a way to change other's way of thinking? As most people know, there is both good and bad on this earth. You hear everyday day in the news about accidents, criminals, and so much more. So can humans really prove if there is good on this planet we call home? Have people really made a difference? Yes, one special young woman has helped girls fight for an education, and has stood up for women's rights. She has won many prizes including the famed Nobel Peace Prize. She has gone through so much in her past that has inspired her to become the person she is today. This young woman is Malala Yousafzai. Born on July 12, 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan. Malala loved school—until one day at age 11 she could no longer attend. Since that day, Malala has become one of the most worldwide known women's rights activist.



Today, adults are getting less and less confident to stand up for what's right. But there are other humans in the world that can do the same thing; KIDS! They the world's future. Everyone can do what Malala did. She chose to do what's right, and she found a simple way to do it. You need to start simple and work your way up to be successful. Malala said, ***"I used to think I had to wait to be an adult to lead. But I've learned that even a child's voice can be heard around the world."***-Malala Yousafzai



Malala Making A Speech

Anything at Any Age

To begin, Malala proves that you can change the world at any age. But how? When she no longer could go to school, Malala's father took her to a press club near her home in Peshawar, and she protested the school closings. She gave her first speech right there named, "How Dare the Taliban Take Away My Basic Right to Education?" Malala said in her speech ***"I don't mind if I have to sit on the floor at school. All I want is education. And I am afraid of no one."*** -Malala Yousafzai Because of that one simple speech outside of her home, more than 100 schools opened again. Although there has been controversy on who exactly wrote the powerful speech, Malala was the one who had the courage to stand up for what's right. No matter where you're from, no matter what your age, you can always do something to change this world.

Education

Education is important to have. But guess what? Not everyone HAS THE OPPORTUNITY to education. Some aren't fortunate enough to go to school. Some don't get to graduate or have a career they want. Women are especially targeted in the world of education. Many women never get the chance to learn how to read or write. Never—picked up a pencil. Never—put eyes on a book. Malala didn't agree with this. She said, ***“I have the right of education. I have the right to play. I have the right to sing. I have the right to talk. I have the right to go to the market. I have the right to speak up.”***—Malala Yousafzai. Malala changed that.

With the help of her father, she started the Malala Fund. This made sure that every girl's right to safe, and free education for 12 years is a must. She is also investing in leaders to campaign for the education of girls. In Nigeria, the leaders funded in a campaign to make sure the government made education longer. Instead of 9 years, they extended it to 12 years. In nine years you can learn, basic math, reading, writing, and all the useful things you need in life. Malala has been the most help for the rights of girls. She has done with such a passion, and continues to do it today!

Malala's Accident

When Malala was 15 years old, she had a horrible accident. On a regular ride back home from school on her local school bus, a terrorist group named the Taliban boarded the bus and asked, “Where is Malala Yousafzai?” Most of the girls looked at her. Malala got shot that day on her very own school bus in the corner of her eye. Luckily she survived. This inspired Malala to pursue her career that she has now. She stated that there should be no violence at school. That woman shouldn't be targeted. The Taliban mostly took over all Malala's town, and they banned many things including, owning a TV, playing music, girls education, and people who didn't obey their orders were punished. The only reason Malala had her accident was because she was making good in the world. Because of her global TV appearances, and her violating the laws they put on her town, the Taliban targeted Malala. That accident made her who she was because she knew that was wrong. So, since that day Malala has told her story all around the world, and how much it impacted her life.

To conclude, Malala is an inspiration to many around the world. As a women's activist she changed the world and women in many ways. Still today, Malala makes speeches to spread the word about what has happened in the past and what we need to do in the future to prevent the same thing from happening. Malala started small, and never stopped herself from pursuing what she wanted to change. Over the years, she has kept growing and growing her passion to spread equality. Malala was the youngest person to ever win a Nobel Peace Prize at only age 17. She has won so many other prizes to thank her for what she has done for the world including the United Nations Human Rights Prize. She appeared in one of Time magazine's most influential people, and she went to the United Nations in NYC in front of 500 people. Malala once said, ***“The world needs leadership based on serving humanity—not based on how many weapons you have.”*** That is who Malala is, and how she proves that there is still good in the world.

How Tiger Woods Impacted the World

Tiger Woods, co-founder of the Tiger Woods Foundation, changed the world with his golf talent and kindness. He broke the skin normalities by being mostly African American, improved the prize money and the play style of golf, and create a foundation caring for education.



Tiger Woods winning the 1997 maters at age 21

Tiger Woods was born on December 30, 1975 in Cypress, California. Tiger is mostly African American but he is also Thai, Chinese, Native American, and Caucasian.

Breaking the Barrier

One of the most impactful thing Tiger did is break the skin barrier for winning a title by playing golf as a Black man. He was the first Black to win a golf Major. "All blacks have hoped and prayed for a day like this to come," he said with emotion. "I felt like it would, but I didn't think it'd be this soon with this young man. To see someone like him win here in 1997 ..." said Lee Elder, breaker of the color barrier. With winning the Masters golf tournament, the normal of only white people playing golf was broken. He is also the most successful black golfer and second most of all time, inspiring many others.

His Foundation

Tiger Woods impacted the world by pursuing for people's passion, welfare, and education by creating the Tiger Woods Foundation. The Tiger Woods Foundation has four programs: Earl Woods Scholar Program, TGR Learning Lab, TGR EDU: Explore, and TGR EDU: Create.

The Earl Woods Scholar Program is a program that supports students in their financially, mentoring support, specialized internship opportunities, career development, and enrichment workshops. Darryl Robinson, an alum of the Earl Woods Scholar Program was able to be the first person in his family to go to college much of which was able to be done with the program.

The TGR Learning Lab offers different ways to learn and experience STEM and enrichment programs. The TGR EDU: Create & Explore both follow the STEM curricula with greater access to help the people in need. Rob Lamb, a teacher at Pattonville High School uses the tools from TGR EDU: Explore to open up many different possibilities to the students and parents they didn't know before. The programs all help the world be a smarter and financially better place.



Tiger Woods helping out with his charity

Drew Brees: More than just a Football Player

By Robert Ormand

Drew Brees is a great person who is an excellent role model for anybody. Brees shows that even if you make millions of dollars, you should always donate to charity and help everyone in your community. Brees donates to many charities and also helps families and children in need.

First of all, Drew Brees donates to many good causes. Brees has his own charity called The Brees Dream Foundation. The Brees Dream Foundation is meant to improve the lives of cancer patients and help for children and families in need. His foundation was founded in 2003 and has donated more than 25 million dollars.

He also helps the city New Orleans through many tough times. He was traded to the Saints six months after Hurricane Katrina and yet started to yet stated to help immediately. He partnered with Operation Kids and helped rebuilding ing parks, playgrounds and athletic centers for the children of New Orleans. Alex Ruiz was a normal kid living in California. He played quarterback for his high school football team, until disaster struck. He was in the middle of a game wearing Drew Brees number 9 when Ruiz got hit from the side he hyperextended and dislocated his right knee. After thinking that Ruiz would need to do is to wear a knee brace and have to sit out for a few weeks, the doctors realized the blood flow was cut off completely under his right knee. The doctors decided to amputate his leg and he would never be able to play football again. Brees soon heard about what happened to him. Brees and the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) made Ruiz a state of the art prosthetic leg. His new leg is helping him run again. Everyone hopes that he can someday play football and baseball again. Drew Brees is a positive role model.



Drew Brees surprising Alex Ruiz with a new prosthetic leg

players don't like their city and are only there just for the money, but Brees is also there to make it a better city.

In addition to having his own charity, Brees' football career exemplifies his moral character. Football is improving Drew Brees every day by making him a better person and by making him a better leader. He is considered one of the best leaders of all time by his teammates on the Saints and from many others in the NFL. "If he told me to jump off a cliff to win a game, I'd do it"- Former Saints left guard Carl Nicks said in an interview. Brees is the leader for the Saints and loved by all his teammates. The Saints used to be one of the worst teams in the league, but after Drew Brees was traded to them, he led them to the biggest game in football. When he was traded to New Orleans in 2006, the Saints were coming off a 3 win season (which is really bad). He started winning them more and more games, then finally led them to the biggest game of the year, the Super Bowl. Brees led his team to a 31-17 win and he threw for 288 yards and 2 touchdowns. He won the MVP of the game. By winning MVP of the Super Bowl, that showed how everyone that was watching him that game recognized him as the reason that they won and how he led the Saints to be the champions of the NFL.

Brees has also immensely improved the community of the community of New Orleans immensely. He has helped them through very tough times. Fans of Brees repeatedly say how grateful they are for him to be in New Orleans. Brees has said in many interviews that New Orleans "Is where he belongs." A lot of professional sports

Brees shows that if you make millions of dollars, you should always donate and give back to your community. Despite being a hero on the field, he also has a charity that donates millions of dollars. Brees shows how there is good in the world by donating millions of dollars to families in need and helping cancer patients. Brees has helped New Orleans through the toughest of times and he truly is a saint to his city. Brees is someone that shows how there is good in the world.



Taylor Swift Lending A Hand



Celebrities all over the world have made an impact. People everywhere look up to celebrities. Do you look up to a celebrity? I know that I do. Many have helped others and spread joy to children and adults. Taylor Swift is someone who does that, and who puts others before herself in many situations. When her fans are in need, she is there to help. Her influence benefits society in many ways.

Helping The Lives Of Flood Victims

For starters, Taylor Swift has improved the lives of others. In 2016 she donated 1 million of her own money to flood victims in Louisiana. Her 1989 tour was started in Louisiana, so she happened to be there to help. Hundreds of lives were taken. Houses, buildings, and businesses were destroyed. Her contributions went to many organizations in Louisiana to help set families back on track. The money was donated to food banks and other organizations that helped rebuild homes. At the time everyone was very fragile from the loss of friends, family, and homes, but Taylor went to Louisiana in hopes of bringing some people's spirit back. One woman had her house wholly ruined in the floods. Some of the organizations that Taylor donated to helped to rebuild part of her home. Without the help of Taylor, many people wouldn't have gotten back on their feet and started their lives again. Taylor Swift improved those flood victims lives.

“No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind.” -Taylor Swift

Donating To Cancer Patients

To add to that, Taylor Swift has also given up her time to help others. During her Red tour, she heard that a Children's Hospital didn't have enough money to fund new music therapy for cancer kids, so she decided to donate money to make it happen. The West Philadelphia pediatric hospital was creating a "high-tech music therapy cart" for teens to develop and produce their own music while they go through cancer treatment. Taylor donated \$50,000 to the hospital. The spirits of the young cancer patients were lifted and were so happy to meet Taylor. Taylor Swift was very busy on one of her biggest tours, but she gave up her rehearsal and preparation time to help out these children in need.



Taylor Swift At The West Philadelphia Pediatric Hospital

Showing Up At A Fans Wedding

Lastly, Taylor Swift make others happier. It doesn't take much to lift someone's spirit, but Taylor continuously does that. One time she heard that a big fan was getting married. A letter was sent to Taylor to invite her to the wedding because the groom's mother was sick and was going to pass soon. The wedding was planned quickly, so his mother could attend his son's marriage. They were both huge fans of Taylor Swift, and their favorite song was "Blank Space." When she heard about this wedding, she quickly decided that she wanted to be there. Taylor showed up at the wedding and surprised the family at the wedding. Everyone there was very amazed that she showed up, especially the groom and his mother. This shows that Taylor wants to bring joy to others lives.

To this day Taylor Swift continues to change and benefit people's lives. She's brought spirit and happiness to lots of people all over the world. She is someone that people of all ages look up to, even me. Not only does Taylor help Americans but also people all over the world. She has greatly impacted others, whether it's their lives or just lending a helping hand. Taylor Swift is always there to help when people are in need.

Doing What's Right

“Leadership is not about popularity, it is about doing what's right.”

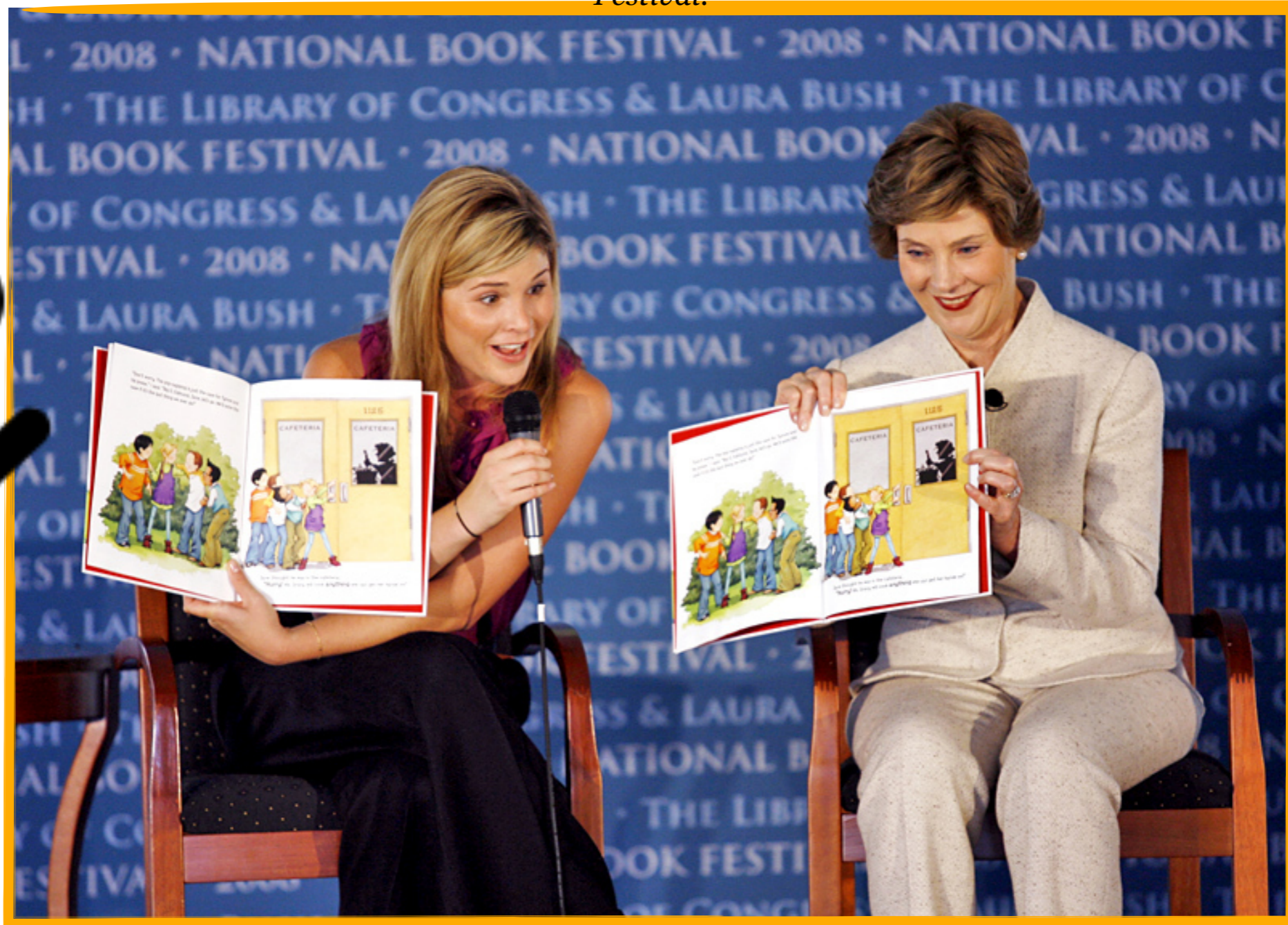
Laura Bush



When you think of a hero, what comes to mind? Is it someone flying through a city saving people from the bad guys, or someone with superpowers? Whatever you may think of, we can all agree that heroes do good in the world. While you may think heroes are action packed, I've learned that they can also be more subtle and unexpected. Laura Bush is a hero because she does what's right. She cares about education, children, and supporting her family. Not only that, she does it with style.

As a child, Laura Bush wanted to be a teacher, and later she became one. You could say that her *superpower* is teaching children. She truly cares about children and education - Her passion is to create a quality education and help children succeed. Mrs. Bush declares, "Education is the key. With a really good education, you have a much broader view of the world. Well-educated people can seek help for themselves. They can help others." She also encouraged girls' education in the Africa Education Initiative by providing scholarships to girls and became an ambassador for the United Nations Literacy Decade. She took trips all around the world to promote education -including places like Africa and Afghanistan. She shows us that education is important for everyone by her efforts of providing an opportunity for learning to all.

Laura Bush and Jenna Bush read a book to children at the 2008 National Book Festival.



On October 29, 2013, Laura Bush surprised children at Children's Medical Center Dallas by reading patients *Read All About It*, a book written by her and her daughter Jenna. She engaged the children while she read, asking them questions and pointing out special things like illustrations in the book. She talked to the children like they were important because to her, they were. Bush made them feel special because to her, all children are special. On another occasion, Mrs. Bush went to the South 17th Street Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey

and read to a class of eager kindergarteners. Mrs. Bush gave children hugs and encouragement. She was there for the Teach for America Week, where the organization asks public figures to visit a classroom in order to emphasize how teaching is important. Laura Bush taught a geography lesson and read a story to the excited students. This, for Mrs. Bush, was not a task to be complete, a check to mark off the box, or a thing to get done, but for her it was a way to connect with children and share her love of reading with them.

Give Him a Chance

By Nigel Sebastian

Chancellor Bennett, also known as Chance the Rapper, is an artist, musician, and philanthropist. He is well known for his music, but you might ask what good has he done in the world? He is a Chicago native and he does everything he can to improve his city. Whenever he sees an issue he raises awareness and money to try to fix it. He has helped improve many things such as the Chicago Public School System.



Chance the Rapper is an inspiration for the Chicago community. He teamed up with the Empowerment Plan to help provide jackets for the homeless. Also, his charity Social Works and STATE Bags donated thirty-thousand backpacks. One of his many main goals is to bring the Chicago people together. Chance once said, "I can't gain anything off of anyone else not succeeding." His work encourages the Chicago community to do good.

Chance the Rapper is a role model for kids everywhere. He has raised over four million dollars for Chicago public schools, directly affecting almost seven thousand students. He was chosen to be the outstanding youth of the year by the Chicago mayor in 2014. His charity, OpenMike, gives high-school students a platform to present anything in front of other students. This helps students connect and network with each other. Chance does so much to empower and educate kids.



Chance the Rapper has started many great charities. My State of Mind, one of his many charities, aims to increase access to mental health services. After speaking about his struggles with anxiety, he donated \$100,000 each to six mental health providers. One of Social Works initiatives, Warmest Winter, helps raise awareness and provide relief for the homeless. Chance noticed that Chicago has been forcibly removing the homeless and cracking down on anyone who tries to help them. When he saw this issue, he thought of it as a call to action and has done anything he can

to help the cause. Warmest Winter relies on volunteers and the generosity of others. They have raised almost one-hundred twenty thousand dollars, collected over sixteen thousand items, and affected fifteen shelters. His charities make a difference in Chicago.

He has done so much to improve so many things in his hometown. Chance uses his music as a platform to connect with youth and shed light on problems. He is one of the most inspiring artists of this generation and continues to help his community today.

Haley Storm

Hope for Haiti

Spreading Good In The World

How many people do you know have the desire to spread good in the world? You can probably name multiple. Now, how many people can you name that have dedicated their life to spreading good in the world. Joanne Kuehner, founder and CEO of Hope for Haiti, is one of the few people who actually dedicated their life to this. In 1990, this unique organization established, the headquarters still held in Naples, Florida, where it all began. The organization continued to grow by adding many “branches” off of it. One of the most important “branches” that has been added is called the EDR (Emergency Disaster Relief). As these adaptations of Hope for Haiti advance, more of Haiti’s citizens are being helped.



JoAnne Kuehner, founder and CEO of Hope for Haiti, speaking at the Hope for Haiti annual gala.

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Volunteer workers installing a new river bridge for Haiti to enjoy.

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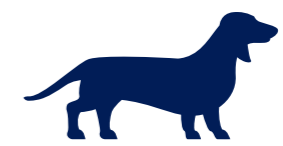
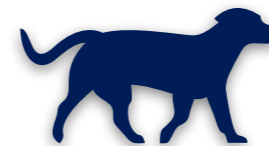
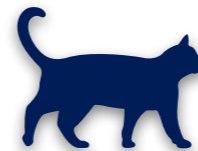
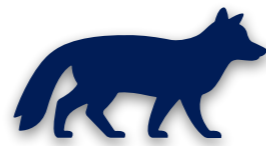
First of all, Hope for Haiti helped children in school. Members of different programs provided by Hope for Haiti helped to supply better education by improving the standards of education of the school teachers in the Haiti region. Since then, elementary test and quiz scores have been raised all throughout Haiti. Frankly, Hope for Haiti has helped *more* than just education in school, but has helped food-wise, as well. Hope for Haiti set off a mission to ensure that more children would get lunch at school. Since then, the number of children receiving school lunches has risen tremendously.

In addition, the water quality has improved, thanks to Hope for Haiti. With the help of both the community and members of the organization, the amount of water being filtered and kept clean in Haiti has exceeded expectations. In 2012, approximately 55,000 gallons of water was filtered. That is nothing compared to more recent data. In 2016, a whopping 82,000 gallons of water were filtered. With the improvement of the state of the water, came improvement of health, decreasing the number of visits to the doctor because of illness.

Furthermore, in 2010, a devastating hurricane arrived at the shores of Haiti (Hurricane Matthew). As a result, many homes and buildings were destroyed. Luckily, Hope for Haiti responded within 24 hours of the hurricane and helped revive the streets of Haiti. It took nearly a year to reach full recovery. Hope for Haiti provided lots of help to rebuild: houses; churches; schools; hospitals; work buildings; etc. Yet, if it hadn't been for this organization, the whole process of recovery could have taken much longer than it did.

To conclude, the Hope for Haiti organization has been around for a considerable amount of time, and it has responded to many different disasters that have happened in the region of Haiti. This caused the relationship between the members of the Haitian community and Hope for Haiti volunteers to flourish. Together, they have realized that, in the end, we are all people and each and every one of us deserve to live in a well conditioned, safe place. Whether the situation was naturally caused or an unexpected dysfunction in the community, Hope for Haiti was always there to help, and they will continue to help Haiti grow and become the best society it can be in years to come.

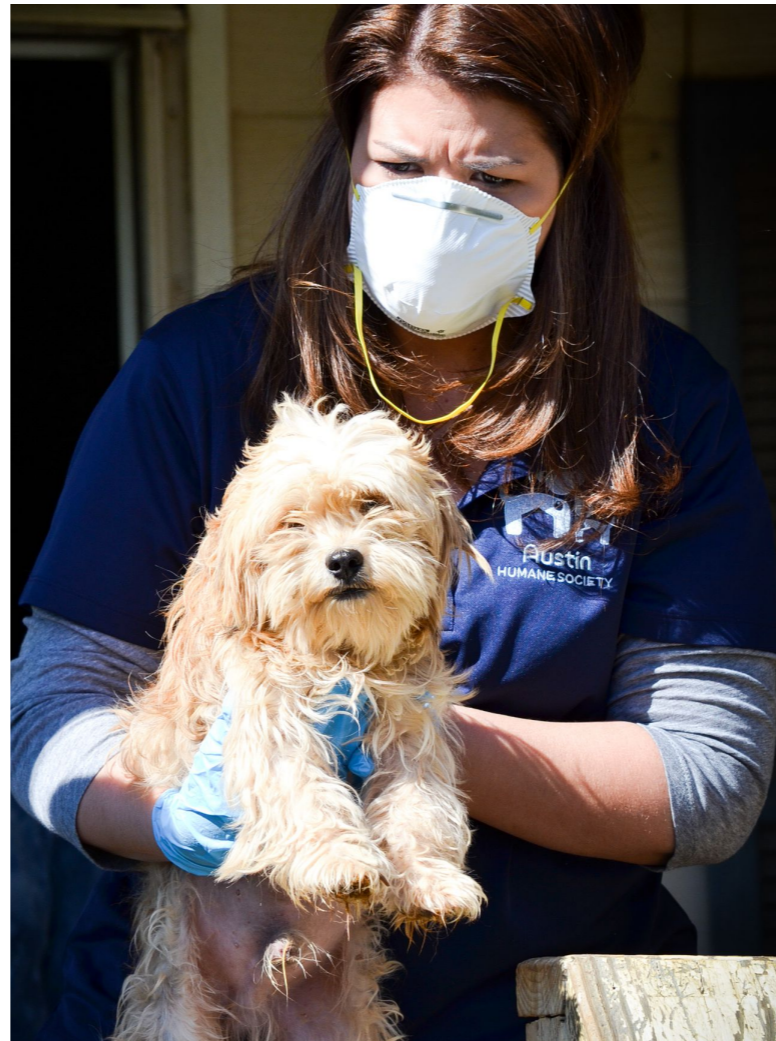
By: Jackie Strain



The Austin Humane Society: A Local Animal Haven

Is there still good in our world? Are there still people who are positively shaping our community to achieve something that's not for themselves? The answer is yes, there are and even right here in Austin! Through helping stray animals, aiding communities in need, and giving lifesaving care, the Austin Humane Society has proved there is still virtue in the world.

Since 1952, the Austin Humane Society (AHS) has unleashed hope for countless amounts of strays. Believe it or not, not many dogs and cats from the streets are obedient like the pets you may have at home. The AHS takes these animals in and gives them a spay/neuter surgery, vaccinations, training, quality food and toys, a warm bed, and loving care. The result of this is a loving companion who is ready to find their forever home. In addition to that, taking an animal off the streets and spaying/ neutering it decreases unwanted pet overpopulation. Therefore, they didn't only change that dog's life, but they may have stopped another whole litter of puppies or kittens from becoming strays. In the past year, the AHS also found over 3,000 dogs a loving new family through their adoption program. Not many people could say they have turned that many lives around in one year, but the AHS continues to impress.



The AHS's Executive Director, Frances Jonon, carries Benny from house

In addition to their work in Austin, they've also reached out to help other communities. In 2017, they traveled to Houston to help the many strays and families affected by Hurricane Harvey. Traveling in huge trucks, they picked up hundreds of strays off the street and brought them to a rented plot near their shelter. There they took in around 250 dogs and gave bowls of food and water to each one. Can you imagine how long it must have taken to feed all of them? Nearly three months later, they were able to get every dog and cat back to their companion or with a new loving family. Another one of their out-of-Austin rescues was during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Many of the animal shelters in that community were filling up and families couldn't support their pets, so the AHS took action. They brought back animals all the way from Louisiana! Both of these instances show how the AHS's desire to help everyone (or every animal) that they can, pushed them to go above and beyond the expectation of many.

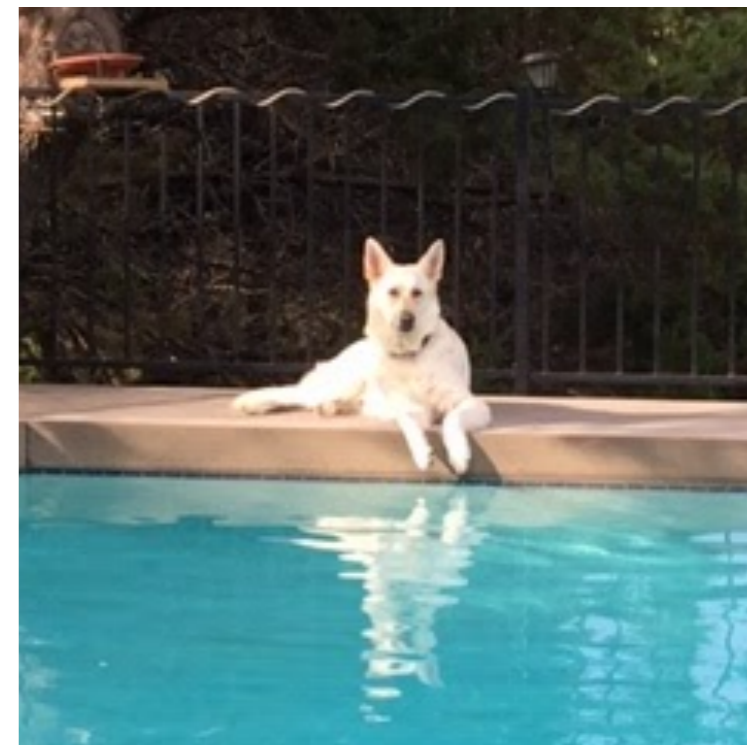
The Austin Humane Society

The AHS's work has not only affected many animal's lives, but it has also been the deciding factor between life and death for some animals. This made all the difference for Pat Strain when her future companion came into the shelter. None more than a rack of bones and a flea-covered coat, the young stray was near the line of death. He had to be immediately rushed into surgery and, for the next few weeks, observed by volunteers under intensive care, one of which was Pat. After a series of medical treatments, he began looking better, but he still had trouble doing daily activities, such as going on walks. Even then, they refused to give up. Almost two months of care later, the dog, now named Asher, had made a complete rehabilitation. Once he passed his final vet checkup and was ready for adoption, Pat knew she never wanted to abandon Asher and decided to adopt him. Today, Asher has grown from the skeleton-of-a-dog Pat saw him enter the shelter two years ago as into a healthy and lively companion.

All in all, the Austin Humane Society has shown how they bring benevolence into the world over and over again. Between touching the life of each individual dog to reaching out to other communities, they are an organization like no other. If you aspire to change the world and touch lives, there couldn't be a better example of just that than the AHS.



Strain, Pat. "Asher Before." 24 October 2016



Strain, Pat. "Asher After." 4 June 2017

Asher before the AHS's help (left) and Asher healthy and happy 8 months later (right).

"Every one of these animals is like a family member to us." – Kelly Hanes (AHS's public relations manager)

Chris Fallows And His Love For The Oceans

By: Jude Trichel

There is no question that Chris Fallows is one of the most important figures in today's marine biology society. But how far does his love for the ocean go? Does it stop at documenting Great White Sharks? No. Does it stop at donating thousands to charities to save the ocean. No. There is no way to fit all of his accomplishments and achievements in two pages, so I am just going to focus on the most important ones.



Saving The Oceans

Now there are lots of celebrities and top tier rich people that claim to be “Saving The Oceans”, but how many of them do anything other than give money to for profit charities. Chris Fallows has dedicated his life to trying to save the ocean. Instead of giving money to the for profit charities, he spend money on resources for the smaller, non-profit organizations, and helps them become big. He spends his own time and money to try to help save the ocean. You won't see Lucy Hale diving with great white sharks to take data. Nor will you see Angelina Jolie spending months at a time on ships helping collect data to help stop pollution. Chris Fallows does things himself, rather than pay



Public Education

The next generation is arguably the most important generation when it comes to saving the ocean. Chris Fallows recognizes this, and works to educate tomorrow's marine biologists. He has starred in the Discovery channel show "Shark Week" for years, and uses it as a platform to educate the public. He is also a wildlife photographer, and he uploads photos of oceanic wildlife to the internet with the hope that people will see how beautiful the ocean is, and that it is worth saving.



Legacy

Chris Fallows has done many memorable things, but perhaps his most memorable and most important was his discovery of breaching great white sharks. He used a seal decoy to lure great whites in, and he the. Photographs them as they breach to make the kill.

In conclusion, Chris Fallows has done more than his fair share of work to save the ocean, and he will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the marine biology community.



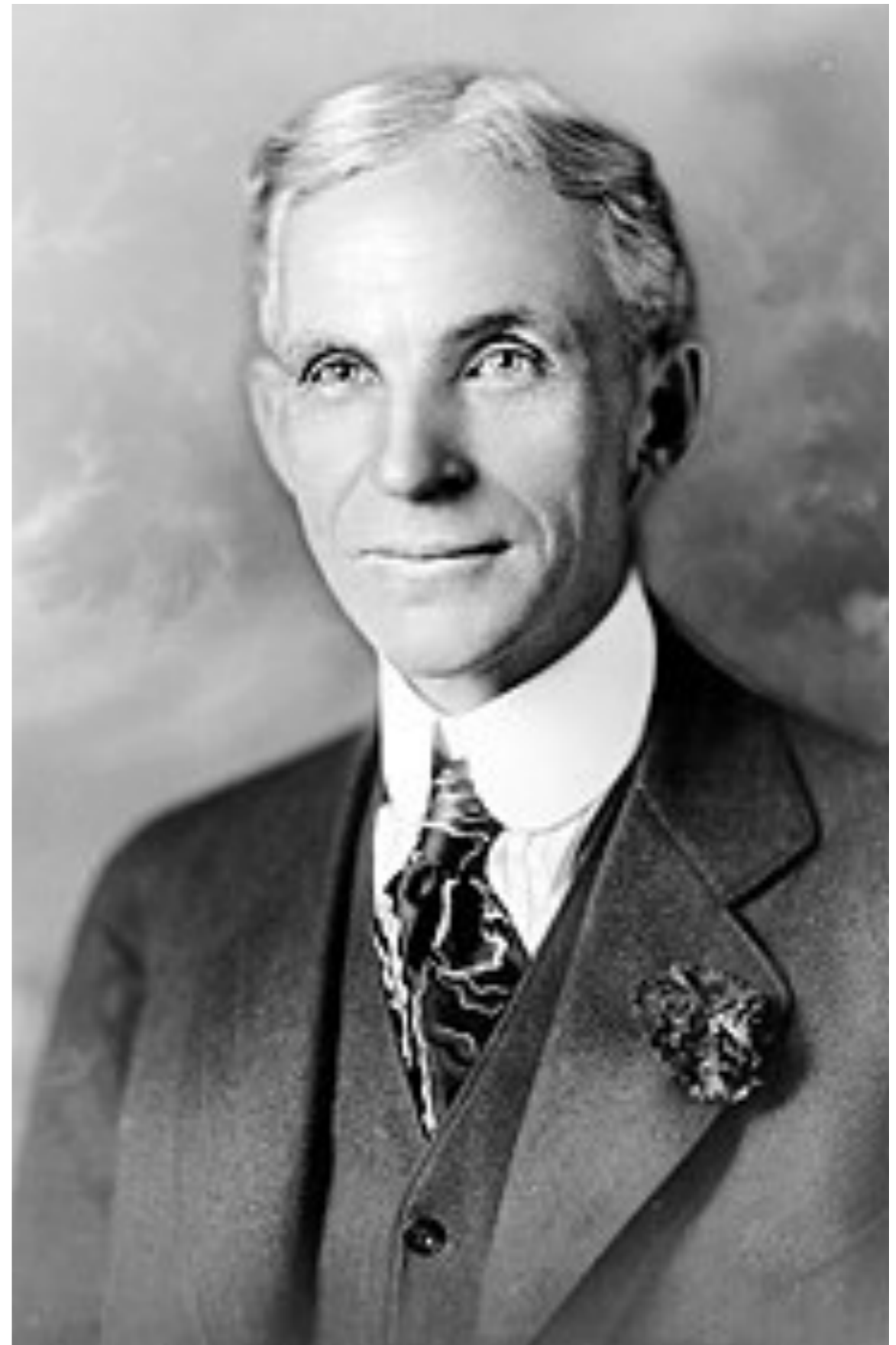
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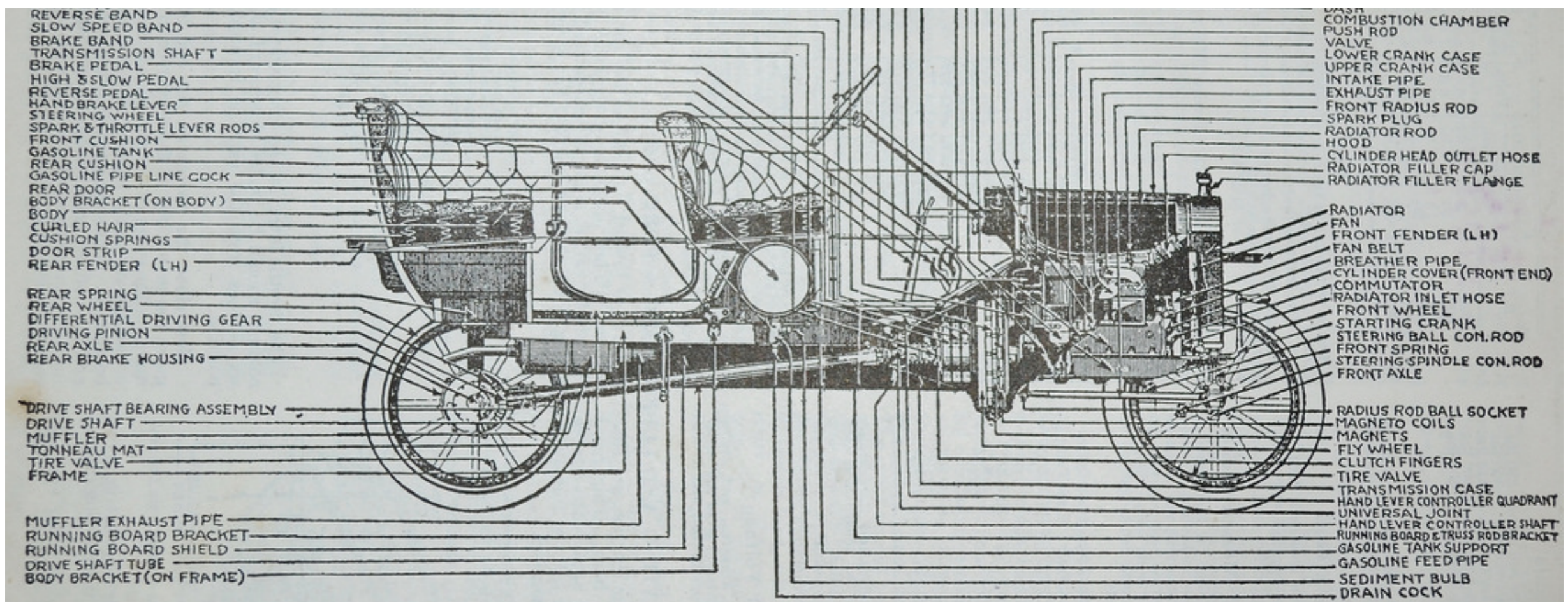
The Good of Henry Ford

By: Aidan Ye

Henry Ford, the creator of affordable transportation, the starter of mass production, and the man who made life easier, did a lot of good to the world. He started by creating the Model T, to innovating a machine that allowed goods to be produced at almost 10x the original rate, to raising the minimum wage to unbelievable standards.

Born 1863 in Greenfield Township, Michigan, Henry Ford grew up on a farm. He later walked to Detroit to find a job, and there created his first gasoline engine. By 1896 he built his first horseless gasoline-power carriage called the "Quadricycle,". He then created the Ford Motor Company, and by 1903 he manufactured his first car.





Parts of the Ford Car (Model "T")¹

Engine: Four-cylinder. Cylinders cast en block. L-head, detachable type, with valves on the right side. Bore, 3¾"; stroke, 4"; horsepower, 20.

Transmission: Special Ford planetary type. Multiple steel disk clutch operating in oil.

Starter: Ford starting and lighting system, optional on touring car, runabout, or chassis. Included as standard equipment on coupé and sedan.

Wheel equipment: Demountable rims, including 30" x 3½" non-skid tires all around; extra rim and tire carrier are standard equipment on coupé and sedan, and optional equipment on touring car, runabout, or chassis.

Blueprint of the Model T created by Henry Ford

Henry Ford thought that his first car wasn't reliable enough. Then around 1906 he learned about vanadium steel which was 3x as strong as regular steel. Now Henry Ford was now confident enough to put his car on the market, and from 1916 to 1927 there had been more than 15 million Model Ts sold.

Why was the Model T bought so much? The Model T was an inexpensive, reliable, and easily accessible form of

transportation. "When I'm through," he said, "about everybody will have one." In fact, it was so affordable that 40% of households had one, at the price of \$300. A person could get from one place to another in minimal time, generating speeds up to 40-45 mph. They wouldn't have to take horse carriages or walk to where they needed. This form of transportation could take you almost anywhere, effortlessly.



Written by Katelyn Yu

Never before was there an organization that believes that individuals with Down syndrome are capable of amazing things. Never before was there a non-profit that changed, inspired, and gave scholarship opportunities to adults with Down. Never before was there a charitable foundation that gives recipients the resources to thrive in higher education.

Inspired by the birth of Ruby Plachta: Ruby's Rainbow was created.

The moment Ruby was born was when Liz Plachta, the founder of Ruby's Rainbow, knew that she was going to change the world's perspective of individuals with Down syndrome.

Down syndrome is a chromosomal disorder caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21. Down syndrome is a mental, intellectual, and characteristic disability that is a lifelong condition.

This disorder also delays development with language and memory. Because of this, many people with Down syndrome are looked down upon, because of their appearance—which often causes low self-esteem. Ruby's Rainbow has helped spread the awareness of the capabilities of people with Down syndrome. However, in the past, the public thought about this disability has not been as positive as it is today.

The history of Down syndrome started in the late 1700s when many hospitals in the United States encouraged parents to give up their children who were considered “different” to institutions that would “remove them from society”. There, they were afforded little education and healthcare. The popular and misguided belief at this time was that controlling genetics could improve the human race.

People with disabilities were considered unhealthy and defective—a burden to society. The most tragic part, though, was that people—and government—thought this was okay to believe. Former Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once wrote “... better for the world ... society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind.”

Unlike today, parents of children with Down syndrome did not see their kids as strong, determined, and competent. Eugenics, defined by Sir Francis Galton, was a belief in the United States that the disabled were a taint in their country-- similar to the belief of Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany. This ideology was the norm until the 1950s when Timothy Nugent founded the first disabled student program at the University of Illinois at Galesburg. This was the first transcendence in thought and time to spread the awareness of their capabilities.



“You know, that little voice in my head was getting louder and louder like I just wanted to show the world what she was made of. You don’t really have that drive if you don’t have a personal connection to someone with Down,” said Liz Plachta during a personal interview. “After Ruby was born, I started digging deep into things that were out there for people with Down syndrome and what I found was a lot of stuff for the little guys: therapy, learning support assistance, and classroom inclusion—but not a lot for when they got older.”

Ask yourself: “What happens to disabled individuals once they finish high school?”.

Not many people know *if* they go to college.

Ruby’s Rainbow gives \$1,000-\$10,000 in scholarships to adults motivated to receive a higher education. Scholarship recipients can use this funding for college tuition, education materials, and assisted/independent living. Because of this, they are able to receive an education past high school.

This is why Ruby’s Rainbow is so unique and impactful—it gives opportunities to capable adults so they can pursue their goals and dreams.

“That’s why I started Ruby’s Rainbow. I wanted the same opportunities for my own daughter that other people would have. I wanted the world to know that people with Down syndrome were amazing and incredibly capable of success.”

In addition to giving college scholarships, Ruby’s Rainbow has started the 3-21 Pledge. This pledge consists of three things:

- 1) \$21 donation
- 2) A promise to be “kind and considerate” to people of all abilities
- 3) To spread the word to three friends.

Ruby’s Rainbow also seeks to change the world’s perspective of people with Down syndrome.

This organization has been successfully granting scholarships and spreading their mission for eight years. Ruby’s Rainbow has changed the lives of over 220 recipients with \$643,000 in grant scholarships.

Those with Down syndrome can achieve their dreams of independence and a higher education. Ruby’s Rainbow proves that there is good in the world by promoting inclusivity and providing life-changing opportunities.



Many Ruby’s Rainbow recipients have become successful. One remarkable of many, Mark Hublar, is a professional speaker and self-advocate. He travels around the world to spread the message about treating everyone with respect and inclusion.

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