# Good at Heart So

Eighth grade ELA did a thematic study of the Holocaust this semester. 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.

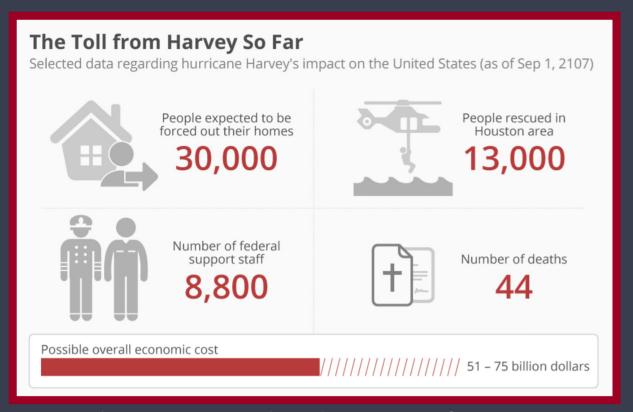
We would like to give a special thanks to Fred Benitez, our campus Educational Partner. He helped the ELA teacher with the technology of the project and created the beautiful book for each class. We hope you enjoy it.

# A BIG LEAGUE PLAYER WITH A BIG HEART

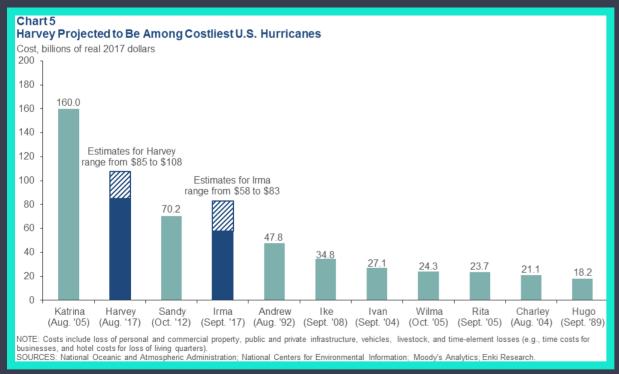


José Altuve of the Houston Astros

By Luke Blankenship



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José Altuve is a major league baseball player, whose philanthropy shows that there is still good in the world. José plays for the Houston Astros, a Major League Baseball team in his adopted hometown of Houston. He is actively involved in charity work in Houston and, his birthplace, Venezuela. José was born in Venezuela where he grew up in poverty and gives back to disadvantaged kids in Venezuela.

José Altuve has adopted the city of Houston as his second hometown. He plays for the Houston Astros and joined the team in 2011 at the age of 21. It is the only professional team that he has played for and because of this he is considered a hometown hero. In addition, he considers Houston his extended family. When Houston was devastated by Hurricane Harvey in August of 2017, he stepped up to help out the community through volunteering and donations. He pledged \$30,000 of his own money to recovery efforts and helped arrange the sponsorship of \$25,000 in shoe donations. He and other teammates volunteered their time and visited shelters. José felt that this was his way of giving back for all the support that Houston had given him over the prior six seasons. José Altuve was a key player in leading the Houston Astros to winning the World Series in November, 2017. José and his teammates felt like this was one more gift that they could give to the city of Houston to help restore the city's pride after the devastation that Houston experienced with Hurricane Harvey.



To achieve success wasn't to get into the major leagues or have the best season in the world. The best success is to live your life the way God wants you to.

Jose Altuve

José Altuve is one of the most charitable MLB players. Houston isn't the only city that José Altuve supports through his generosity though. He grew in poverty in Venezuela and remembers how grateful he was to receive a free baseball glove as a kid. Today, Venezuela is facing a political and economic crisis. Many children have no food, no healthcare, and no medicine. José Altuve works with another MLB player, Darwin Perez, in Phoenix, Arizona, because they help youth in Arizona and Venezuela. They host a baseball clinic that helps

local Arizona kids with baseball instruction. The clinic is free with the donation of baseball equipment. The equipment that is collected is donated to kids in Maracay, Venezuela which is Altuve's birthplace. Among the things collected are: cleats, gloves, uniforms, bats, and catchers' gear. While doing this may not seem like much, these things can make a big impact on people's lives like it did for José Altuve.

José Altuve's charity work may one day help to cure cancer. He created his own charitable organization called the "José Altuve Foundation." One of the things that the Foundation funds is Sunshine Kids. Sunshine Kids is an organization that helps children and their families battling cancer. Its spokesperson is Craig Biggio, a retired major league ballplayer. José Altuve worked with MLB player Lance McCullers, Jr to raise money via tickets sales to a celebrity dinner and an auction items. José has developed a desire to help fight cancer since meeting many cancer patients and learning what an inspiration he is to them. Recently, he visited 10-year-old Joseph Fleming in the hospital. About the visit, Joseph's stepfather said, "We're living every parent's nightmare right now and just to have something like this happen and to watch him smile and lift his spirits. It's more than we can ask for."

"It's not how big you are. What matters is how big you play"

-José Altuve

José Altuve is just one example of many athletes and celebrities that prove that there is still good in the world through charitable efforts. Can you think of an athlete more generous than him? He raises money and donations to help people in the United States and his home country of Venezuela.



José Altuve and teammate McCullers visit Joseph Fleming, a ten-year-old cancer patient.

"We're living every parent's nightmare right now and just to have something like this happen and to watch him smile and lift his spirits. It's more than we can ask for," Joseph's stepfather, Jeremiah Price, said.

# Springing Students into Volunteerism

### How NHS and NJHS do good in the world

How many organizations do you know that help the world? There are a lot. A great example of organizations that do good are the National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society! Established in 1921, NHS has expanded to over 1 million students. NHS was made for high achieving students who want to help their community. It teaches leadership, helps other organizations with volunteering, and promotes good grades.



The symbol of National Honor Society

### NHS and NJHS teach leadership

NJHS is a good organization because it teaches its members leadership. At the start of the year, NJHS students vote for candidates running for officer positions. Students can choose to run for a certain position such as Treasurer, Vice President, President, etc. The students will then elect other students for these positions. Each officer is a leader of a group during donation campaigns. The officers are in charge of leading a subcommittee to raise money during an event. NJHS teaches leadership and responsibility by giving students a chance to lead other students and have their own job.

### NHS and NJHS help other organizations

Furthermore, NHS and NJHS are also compassionate by helping other organizations and volunteering. Each 9 weeks students need to complete 6 hours of service. This promotes students' involvement with organizations such as Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Austin Pets Alive, The Leukemia Lymphoma Society, or any other service organizations in their communities. Being in NJHS myself, I have first hand experience with volunteering and service. During the LLS campaign, our school raised \$36,626 for Leukemia Lymphoma Society. That money helps save lives! They definitely help organizations, and they provide many service opportunities for members.



### NHS and NHJS promote high grades

NHS and NJHS promote good academics and responsibility. These are programs for high achieving students who want to have good grades and help their community. The accumulative GPA a student must have to get in is 85 or higher (depends on which school). At our school, you must have a 92.5 or higher average in your core classes. They promote having high grades by making a minimum GPA. There is a grade check every nine weeks to make sure you're still eligible for the organization. These grade checks make you strive for higher grades and to sustain your high grades by working hard.

#### **Conclusion**

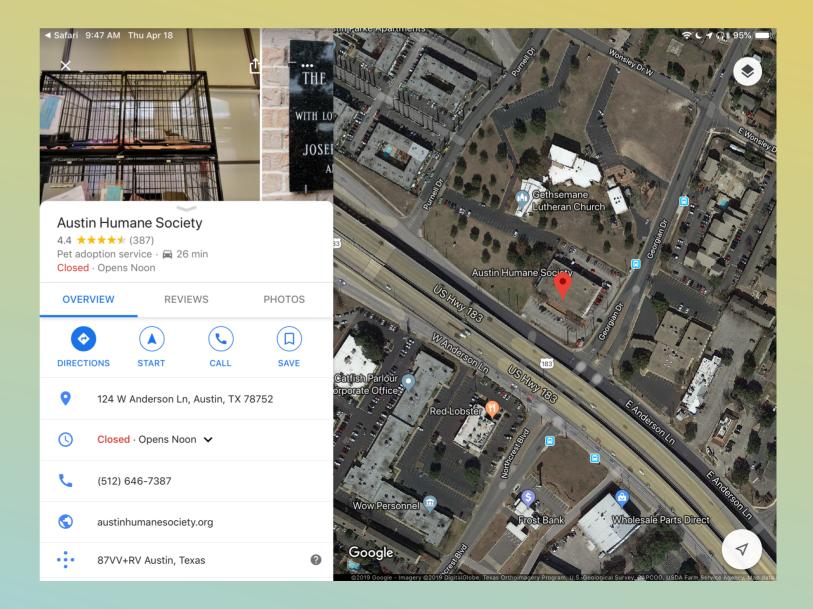
These are some phenomenal reasons why National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society are organizations for the better of the world. By teaching leadership, donating resources, and providing volunteer opportunities these organizations help the world. Also by making kids sustain good grades these organizations prepare members for later life and propel students into volunteering and helping others!



### Austin Humane Society

All over Austin, animals are put down everyday because no one wants to adopt a stray dog. Austin Humane Society, When you hear that name what is the first thought that comes to your mind? It's probably something to do with humans and not animals because of the name, you'd be surprised by how many animals they have saved.

The Austin Humane Society does good in the world. They unite families with an animal that will hopefully be treated as a family member. Some people believe that stray animals should be left to die in the streets alone, cold, and scared. Austin Humane Society disagrees, .





they feel that every animal should have a chance to know what love feels like and to have a full stomach every night. They take in over 100 animals a day and you might be asking yourself "how do they keep all the animals in one compound?" The simple answer is, they don't. They have foster homes throughout Texas where they put the animal so they have room in their main shelter. They spay and neuter animals when they are purchased so they can reduce the amount of stray animals. They are a non profit organization and, all the money they receive goes to foster homes that take care of the strays.

The Austin Humane Society does good in the world because they save the lives of animals. People believe that saving an animals life and putting it in a kennel should be known as animal cruelty. Some people would be right, ask this question though, is it better to leave an animal to die in the middle of the street or to save its life and keep it in a warm kennel with food and water until it gets adopted? The Austin Humane Society takes in almost 11,000 cats a year and almost twice as many dogs. Austin Humane Society is a no kill shelter, so every animal has a chance to feel love in their lives.

The Austin Humane Society does good because they offer volunteer work to the public. This opinion is debated between all sorts of people in Austin because they believe that volunteers could get rabies from the stray animals. That is a risk that people are taking when they volunteer to save an animals life, if that is the risk people are willing to take then let them take that risk.

## A Woman Leader

By: Grace Doyal

Men turned their heads left and right,

wondering why a woman got the job. Constantly being called names and discriminated, a young woman kept her head down and got her job done. Her goal had finally come true: to be the supervisor at Goodyear Tire Company. Nineteen years after she got the job, she was notified that she was being paid \$1,000 less than the men in the same position. She constantly questioned what to do next. Does she risk the job that she had worked extremely hard to get? Or, does she stand up for herself, and fight for something that continues to be a big problem in society? She then realized what to do to fight back: take it to the Supreme Court.

#### **Personal Injustice**

Lilly Ledbetter continually worked harder than most men, but her paychecks never matched her performance. Working 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM was a challenge, but never a burden on her. She stated, "There was nothing I wouldn't do, no matter how dirty or hard. I never expected anybody to make it easier for me." She received a "Top Performance Award" while working at Goodyear, but that didn't change her pay.



#### Hard Work Paying Off

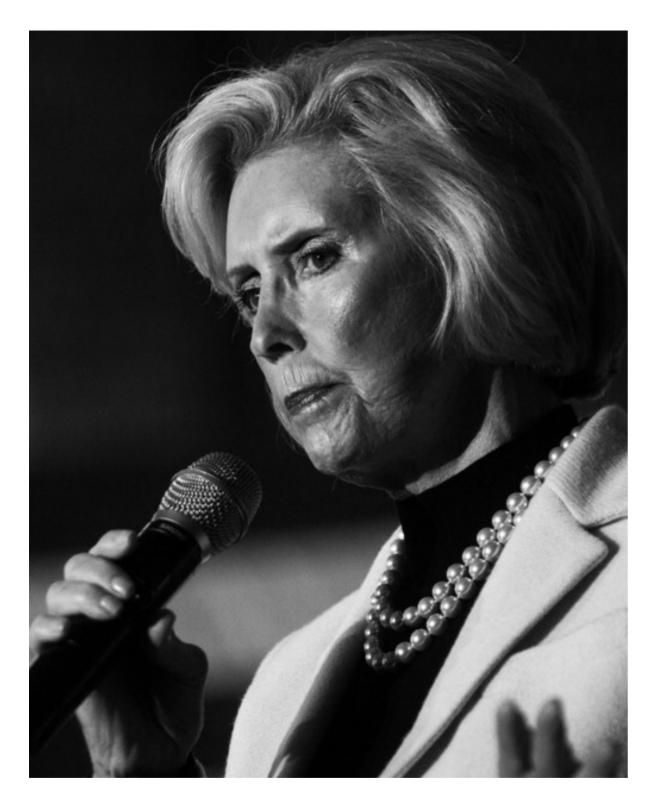
Her hard work and dedication to make equal pay a reality finally paid off when it became a policy on January 29, 2009. There were many let downs in the process. When she first started to fight back, she won the jury verdict of more than \$3,000,000. Later, the Supreme Court overturned the verdict. Although the verdict overturned, this was not the end for her fight. The results only made her stronger and more determined to win a cause that she passionately believed in. All of these rejections inspired her to come up with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. It wasn't until January 29, 2009 when this act was signed into law by Barack Obama.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act has made a tremendous difference in unequal pay for the better. This act amends VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age of Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967. It also modified the the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. She wanted to do this to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or any other practice that is unlawful should be modified as the times change. There is really no excuse for unequal pay. People need to stop following what one person does, and start to make a difference.

Barack Obama signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.



The main reason Lilly Ledbetter came up with this act is to point out to the public that there is no real reason women are underpaid. Therefore, there is no excuse for it. No matter what went wrong, she always faced it head on and found new solutions to help a cause she believed in.



Lilly Ledbetter opens up about sexual harassment.

#### **Inspiring Others**

Lilly Ledbetter inspires millions of women in the world to stand up for what they believe is right. Some women say, "She has inspired me tremendously, and many other women have succeeded because of her." Michelle Obama stated, "She's long since lost her ability to gain any financial return from her Supreme Court loss, but she is out on the road, fighting hard to make sure that our daughters and granddaughters get paid equally for the work that they do. She's a special lady, a working class lady, and a fighter."



#### More Quotes From Lilly Ledbetter:

"There will be a far richer reward if we secure fair pay. For our children and grandchildren, so that no one will ever again experience the discrimination that I did. Equal pay for equal work is a fundamental American principle."

"It not only hurt me, but it hurt every working woman and minority out there today."

"When we lose 23 cents every hour, every day, every paycheck, every job, over our entire lives, what we lose can't be measured in dollars."

Male or female, we are all equal. Lilly Ledbetter has made it clear that there is no reason men should be paid more than women. One excuse that men have stated in the past is that women are less ambitious than men are. How can men make these assumptions about women? What makes them think this of us? They thought that women either make explicit choices to put family before work, or they demand higher salary or a better job. These statements helped women around the world become tougher. Women are now fighting back just like Lilly Ledbetter has done. We deserve our own rights as well. As a result of Lilly Ledbetter actions, women can better fight back.

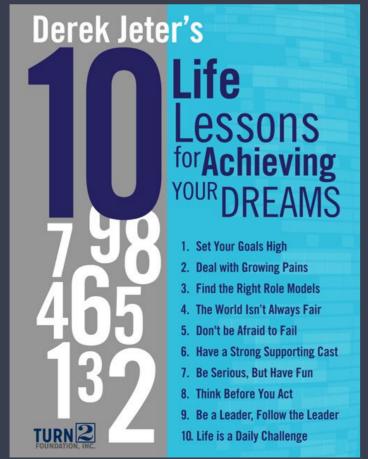
Lilly Ledbetter fights for causes that are relevant and important. She has inspired and will continue to inspire millions and millions of women and young girls around the world. She said, "I'll be happy if the last thing they say about me after I die is that I made a difference."



#### **Derek Jeter**

# Helping The Youth

By: Nathan DuVall



Do you think that baseball players just care about the money? Most people think that baseball players just care about the money, but that is wrong when it comes to Derek Jeter. He donated more than 27 million dollars over 22 years to support his programs to help kids become role models and stay away from drugs and alcohol.

Derek Jeter shows good in the world by helping kids become good role models in their society and stay away from drugs and alcohol. He helps kids become more ready for life and kind to everyone. To stay away from drugs, so you don't go to jail and so you can live a good life. He helps kids excel in academics and helps them use their voice. He has helped out over 100,000 kids in Las Vegas.

Derek Jeter shows good in the world by helping out other Foundation with donations. He helps in other Foundations with diseases. The foundations that he helps with are Entertainment Industry Foundation, Stand Up To Cancer, and Soles4Souls. He donated \$4 million of his own money to all of those foundations.





Every single year, Derek Jeter has a golf celebrity invitational. He raises money for the activities for the Turn 2 Foundation. He also donates some of his own money to help these goal of money he needs. Last year, he donated \$4 million of his own money. Over all of his years with his foundation, he has spent \$29 million dollars on his youth programs.

He is amazing at helping kids get away from drugs ,and to help them become good role models with all of his donations and charities he runs and helps. Derek Jeter does do good in the world.



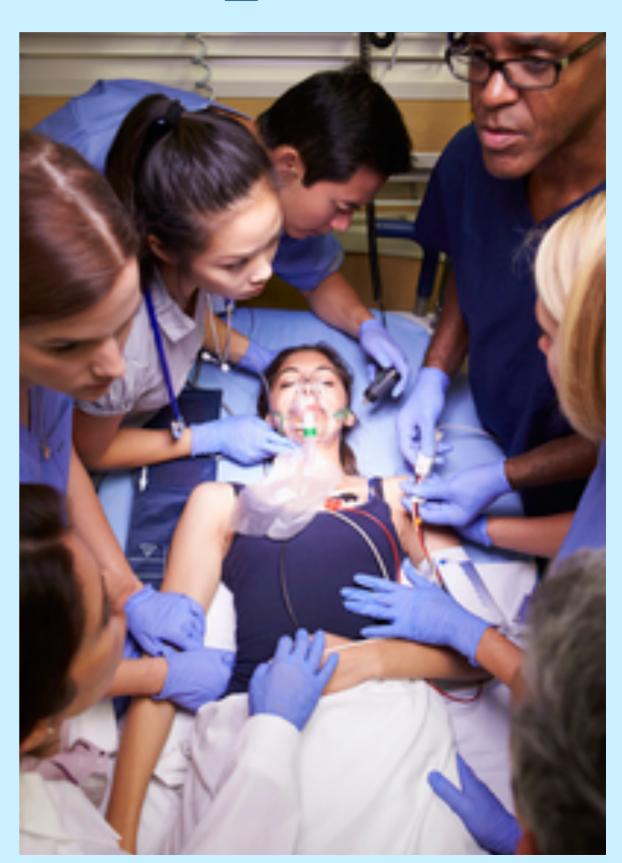
## Stitches and Scalpels

By: Madison Finch

A girl is rushed through the doors of the ER, her heart not beating. Her family is desperately hoping that the doctors inside will be able to help her... before it's too late.

"In the ER we are fortunate enough to save a lot of lives. I remember a 14-year-old girl who was in a pretty serious accident. We helped her to breathe again and started her heart back up. We also fixed a lot of things that were broken. About 6 months later she came to the hospital to say thank you. It was an amazing experience to see someone so grateful and doing so well after such a serious accident." -Craig Boyle.

ER doctors serve the world every time they go to work and put on their gloves. They perform jobs that most people wouldn't, or aren't qualified to do. But the path to being an ER doctor is one that was long persevered; they make it worth it by saving lives and helping people every day. They do good in the world and make it a better place.



# Here are some questions that I asked one of my family friends (who's an ER Doctor):

Are there any quotes that you like as an ER doctor? Or a quote that they post somewhere at the hospital you work at?

"Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity." -Hippocrates

What is one of the strangest experiences you've had as an ER doctor?

"I once had a patient who was dressed as a clown. They had been doing some drugs and was acting a little crazy. I went into the room and tried to get him to calm down. I left to get a warm blanket and when I returned to the room the patient had disappeared. He had climbed into the ceiling by removing a ceiling panel. He was crawling around up in the ceiling until I used a broomstick to knock a hole in the ceiling and he fell out. He jumped up, looked at me, and said " I've got to get out of here." He then sprinted out of the hospital. We never saw him again."

Delivering trying news is a feat that happens to almost everyone at some point in their lives. ER doctors have chosen a job that requires them to deliver bad news—which might be one of the hardest parts about being an ER doctor. They know that delivering a difficult predicament has to be done, same that they must do it themselves. Having excellent communication skills as a doctor is important, not to mention helpful, when having to either report something to a family or patient. Additionally, it's essential that a messenger is able to sympathize and be sensitive while remaining professional. Sometimes, the news that a doctor bears can even be life altering. ER doctor Craig Boyle said;

"I remember once having to tell a woman that her husband had passed away. It really touched me because she actually said to me, "This must be such a hard job for you to deliver bad news to people." People really are amazing, even in bad situations."

Can you imagine how difficult it must have been to deliver that statement? Delivering bad news isn't easy for most people—and a vast portion are even worse at receiving challenging news. These doctors are willing to do it because they know someone has to.

Hard work is needed in most professions—especially medical ones. In the medical field they are required to undertake a lot of training. These doctors do things like: treat injured people, keep calm in stressful situations, treat heart attacks and trauma, evaluate patients who come into the ER, conduct follow up visits with some patients to keep track of their health, and send patients to a proper specialist if needed. Additionally, they keep track of patients medical records, provide relevant paperwork, and give instructions to their patient for when they're discharged.

Sacrifice is something that sets ER doctors apart. They are willing to dedicate 14 years of their lives to preparation and training so they can heal people. That's a lot of preparation! Working weird schedules is also a sacrifice they make—this often includes weekends, holidays, and nights. A lot of schooling is needed to become an ER Doctor. First, a bachelor's degree is needed, then four years of medical school. After medical school, they spend 3-4 years as a resident in emergency medicine. Lastly, ER doctors have two years of fellowship after residency. If the process is started right out of high school, then it would be finished when they're in their early thirties.

ER doctors give up a lot to help the world. They assess patients, perform surgery, and make sure their patients are stable. They help anyone who comes into the ER, even if they don't have insurance. A lot of dedication is required to spend 14 years of their life on schooling. Without these doctors a lot less people would be saved. ER doctors do good in the world because they choose to be where they are—out helping people.

Uplifting the Rare and Undiagnosed

By: Kyla Foxhoven

7.6 years of testing, 8 to 12 different physicians, and 2-3 misdiagnoses is the journey of a child that has a rare or undiagnosed condition. There is nothing for them to do other than hope and pray for a miracle. Talaya Frazier experienced this exact scenario when her daughter, Cheyanna, was two years old. The feeling of hopelessness and nowhere to turn for support inspired her to start Cheyanna's Champions for Children (CC4C).

#### **About CC4C**

CC4C is a non-profit organization that serves children with <u>rare</u> or <u>undiagnosed</u> conditions between the ages of 5-18 in and around the Austin area. They always strive to keep the families uplifted and hopeful. CC4C has volunteers that give about 20 hours a week to help out the kids, and they make sure they are emotionally and physically supported. Overall CC4C is a very exceptional organization that puts in 110% every single day.





(Drew and his Champion Teammate - The Undertaker)

#### Undiagnosed

What is it like to have a rare and undiagnosed condition? Drew came into the CC4C organization as a freshmen in high school and was considered undiagnosed. He was bed-ridden with migraines, chronic pain, confusion and no hope of getting better. CC4C asked his parents for their dream treatment for Drew. His parents stated that a trip to the Cerebrum Brain Center was a dream for a hopeful diagnoses. A

donor heard about Drew's story and donated \$10,000 for Drew to go to the Cerebrum Brain Center, which ended in a diagnosis of Autoimmune Encephalitis. He was given two IVIG treatments and has since fully healed. Drew is currently living his dream life as a nationally ranked cheerleader at Sam Houston State University.

"It's meant a lot to me just to know that someone is there other than my parents and family. Just to know that he doesn't have to be there, but chooses to, means a lot." - Drew

#### **Everybody's Happy**

CC4C doesn't only improve the kids' lives, they improve the whole family's lives. CC4C helps families through their medically troubled times and stays by their sides as a beacon of light and inspiration. A CC4C sustaining family states: "The biggest change for our family since being involved with CC4C is knowing that I have a huge support system within arms reach. It is comforting to know that the entire CC4C family is behind us with all of our challenges. I feel like I have an army of resources ready to help with whatever we need help with." This is only one example of how CC4C embraces the entire family.



CC4C is a v e r y Christian b a s e d organization. For example:

before and after every single event they will pray to god. Talaya even has a jewelry store that has many quotes

from the Bible on her pieces. Since their organization is centered around God, they decided to incorporate him into their logo. If you look at the "4" closely, you'll be able to see a hidden cross.

#### Inclusion

Lastly, CC4C makes sure that everyone feels included through their events and programs. The foundation holds and plans many events such as the Ice Cream Social, the Run To Uplift, and the Night To Uplift: just to name a few. Each event raises money for the kids to help pay for their medical costs that insurance doesn't cover. The kids of the organization also get to participate at these events. Each child has a motto they live by, which is put onto a bracelet and handed out at The Run to Uplift. That way, each runner goes home with a quote from each of the children to remember them by when they have tough times in their own life. Each of the Champion Children are paired with their dream high school sports team. The team makes the child an honorary member, including them at practices and games. By being part of the team, the child feels included and feels like they're part of something bigger! As an example, CC4C Child, Hayden, is certain that he is the reason Lake Travis Football won the State Championship a couple of years ago. CC4C helps improve the child's confidence and makes the child

they are not defined by their disease.

All in all, CC4C improves many lives everyday. Without CC4C, the kids wouldn't get to experience a normal life like all of the other kids their age. This foundation is a perfect example of how spreading kindness can improve any and every situation.

Kaitlynn Morgan Alan Graham

# Impacting the world one day at a time

Have you ever been driving on 360 and Bee Caves and noticed the homeless people standing on the curbside? Have you ever wondered if they have a home or even food? If those people have someone to love and care for them? Alan Graham noticed them and he decided to do something about it. Alan decided that even though they are homeless doesn't mean they can't have a purpose or someone to love them. Alan Graham founded Community First on the thought of "loving your neighbor"... And this is his story.



#### Treating People How They Want to be Treated

Alan Graham treats everyone the way that they want to be treated. While Alan Graham was on a retreat, he met a man named Houston Flake. At the time, Houston was a homeless man who didn't really have anyone to love him or take care of him. After the retreat, Alan felt called to give to the homeless. He felt called to give to them in a way that he would never have imagined. That is how "Mobile Loaves and Fishes" and "Community First" were founded.

#### Making the Homeless Happy

Alan makes homeless people and those less fortunate, happy. He shows them that just because they don't have a home doesn't mean that they can't be happy. While they are living in Community First, they aren't "homeless people" anymore. They are humans with a home and with a purpose. People don't want to be treated like aliens on another planet. They want to be respected and loved. Humans will enjoy life, if they are being respected. Take Richard Devore for example: He loves "the fact that I'm supposed to be here," says Devore, who was homeless for the 13 years before he moved in. "I can relax and belong here".



#### **Showing Kindness Even if They Don't Deserve It**

When you meet Alan Graham he doesn't see you as a homeless person or a person with a bunch of mistakes and flaws. He sees you as a person that has a purpose to be in this world no matter what. One of the things that Alan founded is called Mobile Loaves and Fishes. MLF is a food truck that drives around Austin and gives homeless people food, water, clothing, books and many other things. Alan is very good at showing kindness to people that may not be as fortunate as others. Alan Graham loves people and respects them. It doesn't matter if you are black, white, poor, rich. He respects them. He knows that they are human and that they deserve to be treated with respect. "When you know someone's name, that changes everything. They are no longer a stranger." – Kent Redding

Alan Graham shows good in this world. He treats people the way that want to be treated, he makes homeless people feel loved and respected, and doesn't see them as just a homeless person. Everywhere he goes he leaves his imprint on the world because he is a "good" person. When people are around him, they feel happy and respected, which is how everyone should feel. All the time. Alan Graham is a person that others want to be like. He is someone that people might aspire to be because he treats people with kindness no matter what.

By: Mia Fuss

#### Rich at Heart

The Bill and Melinda Foundation does good to the world in many ways. The foundation supports less fortunate kids, and donates to charities and causes. In addition to this, the founder himself—Bill Gates—is a very selfless person who has everyone's best interest in mind. Bill started the foundation from his personal earnings and it has grown substantially since then.

The Gates Foundation helps kids that are less fortunate all around the world. When has helping ever done harm? Never! At the foundation they believe all lives matter, and are working to reduce inequity. They have helped many families out of poverty and have changed lives for the better. More than 100,000 people per day have escaped extreme poverty in recent decades. The Gates Foundation is partially to thank! Not only do they do this, but the foundation provides the less fortunate with the tools they need to help them start a new life. In 2018, Bill donated \$158 million to American poverty issues.

# BILL&MELINDA GATES foundation



Bill and Melinda at the Elysee Palace in Paris on April 21,

Another way the Gates Foundation positively impacts the world is by donating to charities and causes. The foundation donates to a variety of them. Some of the things they support include studies for HIV, Neglected Tropical Diseases, and vaccine development and surveillance. These charities and causes aren't even a quarter of what they donate to! By donating money and helping the smaller foundations, Bill and Melinda are helping improve many lives. With the money donated, people have used it to save up, buy equipment needed to do certain studies, and open new studies. By learning more from these funded studies, more lives are improving daily!

The Gates Foundation is amazing and does a lot for many, but behind it is an amazing person—Bill Gates. From his foundation, to his kind words of wisdom and personal donations, Bill has influenced kindness all around the world. Bill goes and talks to people and spreads good vibes and ways to help support others in need. Bill said that he would like to get rid of all of his money before he passes away, so others can benefit from his makings too. Bill is an intelligent, selfless, and companionate person. During his Junior year at Harvard, Bill decided to drop out to start his company—Microsoft. He has come from being a college dropout student to the second richest man in the world!

"Poverty ends when the next generation has access to good healthcare and education."

#### - Bill



Bill and Melinda on their first trip to Africa in 1993



Bill and Melinda during September 2003 in Mozambique

Not only this, but Bill also has an equally rich heart. He is always trying to help others by donating chunks of his earnings to their causes. He also shows he cares by personally going on trips to schools in Africa, hospitals, and more! In 1993, Bill and Melinda flew to Africa to visit and see the animals, but while they were there they saw the poverty issues and living conditions. Later in 2003 they went back to help the people. They saw that millions of kids were dying in Africa from diseases that don't even impact the U.S such as: yellow fever, hepatitis B, and measles to name a few. While in Africa, Bill and Melinda met many sickly kids and they used foundation funds to set up a system to make market forces work in favor of the poor, guaranteeing purchases so drug companies could make a little bit of money. They also donated other amounts of money to hospitals there!

Bill and his foundation are both amazing things that help many people live better lives everyday. From donations, to personal pop-ups, the Gates Foundation is making this world a better place for everyone!





### **A National Hero**

Could you imagine the spring time in Austin, TX without the thousands of flowers that line our roads and highways? Probably not, and this iconic part of Texas is all thanks to the the prior First Lady of The United States, Claudia Taylor Johnson. However, Mrs. Johnson didn't just plant some flowers. She started the Beautification of America, was an advocate for Civil Rights, and played a major role in both the War on Poverty Program and the Head Start Program for preschoolers. This is why Lady Bird Johnson is one of our national heroes.

Unlike most First Ladies, Lady Bird was not greeted with a grand inaugural ball and weeks of praise. She and her husband were rushed into authority in the midst of the mourning of President Kennedy. Although the hardship, she jumped right onto things. Her first priority was to clean up Washington, DC. She started a First Lady's Committee for a more beautiful capital. As a committee they believed that since masses of people spent their time in Washington, it should be covered with masses of flowers. Over 4 years, they managed to plant over two million daffodils in Washington DC! However, Lady Bird Johnson's most well known accomplishment as The First Lady was the passing of the Highway Beautification Bill and Act. This bill improved the U.S's air quality standards, calling for more lookouts and rest stops on major roads, and prevented an abundance of junkyards. This act allowed Lady Bird to spread her philosophy that limiting visual and air pollution was beneficial to the mental health of our country's citizens. She said that "The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."Thus began the start of her legacy, and was the first leap in the direction of her becoming a national hero.

Not only did she spread happiness through flowers but also through taking on the task of fighting for Civil Rights. She grew up in Texas during a time where the practice of racism was acceptable and normal. Fortunately, she was raised by people of color and grew up knowing them as her equals. She did not understand why there was so much discrimination in our county, so she made it her mission to fix this problem. She helped her husband decide that he should push the Civil Rights Act through Congress. This act made the majority of Southerners angry and not willing to vote for Lyndon in the next presidential election. Lady Bird traveled to eight southern states and rallied for him even though she knew it was going to be risky. She fought for her husband's name and their beliefs about discrimination with 47 different speeches, at which, hecklers would yell and not listen to her. She was the first First Lady to go on the campaign trail without their husband. Lady didn't care what they thought because she knew she was right. Her act of bravery and persistence contributed to her becoming a well known hero.

Lady Bird did not just influence her husband's decision once but several times after their first two acts had passed. Their next task together was to tackle the immense amount of poverty and lack of education in our country. This is how they came up with the Head Start Program for Preschoolers. Head Start was created to break the cycle of poverty by providing children from low income families, as young as pre-K, with education that could meet their emotional, social, nutritional, and psychological needs. The Johnson's believed that everyone, no matter what kind of income their family was making, had the right to an equal education along with equal opportunities. Head Start did not just have short term benefits, it effected underprivileged children for the rest of their life. Because of Head Start, children were able to improve their vocabulary immensely. Not only did this mean poor children could communicate well with others, but it also helped Spanish speaking children develop their English. The Head Start Program prepared children for elementary school and helped long term with communication skills that they never would have been exposed to. Lyndon B. Johnson and Claudia grew up in the white class and valued high education which led to them wanting to spread higher education to everyone. This act gave millions of children the opportunity to be the first in their families to have a profound education and later opened opportunities they would of never had access to.

Whether it was improving our country's environment, helping pass one of the most important acts in history, or giving millions of children a new hope, Lady Bird was nothing short of a hero. Next time you're driving down the road, I encourage you to look outside your window at the beautiful assortments of blues, reds, yellows, and greens and think of her. Lady Bird Johnson didn't just leave behind seeds of bluebonnets but a legacy of beauty and pride, making her our hero.



Tommie Smith and John Carlos

# ACKY FOR FREEDOM

By Avery Holt



The crowd went silent with fiery rage. Their anger for Tommie Smith and John Carlos radiated throughout the stadium as the athletes stood on the podium, fists up, shoes off, and beads hanging from their necks. Soon the fans started shouting the national anthem, deafening the athletes with their fury. Somehow the men stood strong, until they were removed from the ceremony and kicked out of the Olympic Village. These men showed the world that it is necessary to stand against oppressors and stand for people who don't have a chance to.

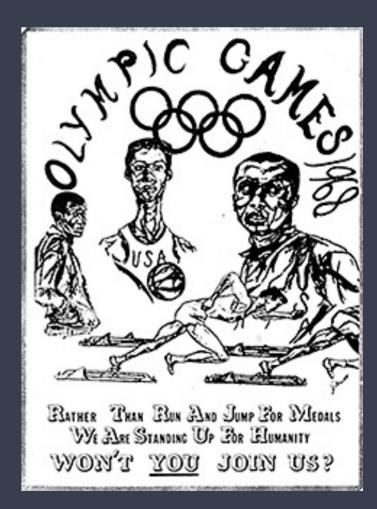
John Carlos knew how people were being treated in the Deep South and realized that he had to make a statement—a statement that could be heard by the entire world. Many African American athletes also agreed, and soon an organization formed that supported Carlos and Smith (the Olympic Project for Human Rights). The protest was an act of selflessness that affected Carlos and Smith for the rest of their lives. They sacrificed their careers, their respect from others, along with everything else. Carlos still believes that, "What [he] did was right 48 years ago, and 48 years later it has proven to be right." (It now has been 51 years.)

Tommie Smith wanted to call out the Olympic board for the unfair treatment of black people. The Olympics had never been the most welcoming event but he believed that could change. Smith had also heard about the assembly of human rights protesters in Mexico City that happened only ten days before the Olympics. He believed the unrest in Mexico City was "a cry for freedom and for human rights". He knew that "[He and Carlos] had to be seen because [they] couldn't be heard".

Tommie Smith and John Carlos made a statement that no one else was brave enough to make. Their decision was not for their benefit, but for others. They did it for other people that they had seen and against the people who were being unfair. They have not let their experience decide their life. They have went their separate ways. Smith became a track coach and sociology professor at Santa Monica College and Carlos became a guidance counselor in California.

#### **The Silver Medalist**

Peter Norman stood strongly next to John Carlos and Tommie Smith as they stood on the podium. Only told about the protest minutes before the ceremony, the Australian athlete knew that he couldn't just accept his medal. He had to take a stance. To either sacrifice along with Carlos and Smith, or to be ridiculed for not being with the other athletes. He decided to put on an OPHR (Olympic Project for Human Rights) pin on his jacket.



# The American Red Cross

#### By: Weiyi Huang

The American Red Cross is an international organization that makes a positive impact on the world. Every day, the Red Cross helps thousands of people return to normalcy. Additionally, by spreading its services throughout the world, the Red Cross is able to assist millions more, beginning with disaster relief.



#### **Blood Donations**



One way the Red Cross takes care of the injured is by hosting blood donations.
Blood is a valuable resource:
It is needed every two seconds for a variety of different reasons — from

different surgeries to cancer treatments to chronic illnesses. Like other organ transfers, it also needs to match with the patient. About 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the US. Just a single car accident victim can require up to 100 pints of blood -- equivalent to a staggering 12.5 gallons (surprising!). Unfortunately, despite the great demand, only 3% of eligible people in the US donate. Luckily, the Red Cross is notably passionate about blood needs,



supplying about 40% of all the blood needed in the US. In 2018, the Red Cross collected 4.7 million blood donations and met the needs of patients at over 2,000 hospitals and transfusion centers. To take one step further, the Red Cross then processed the

donations into about 6.5 million blood products for patients to use (that's a lot of blood products -- and a lot of patients saved!).

#### **Disaster Relief**

Disaster relief is a significant part of the Red Cross, responding to an average of over 62,000 disasters every year.

Throughout 2018, the Red Cross issued over 2.2 million disaster relief



items and over 8.2 million meals and snacks to the countless in need. With Hurricane Harvey creating about \$125 billion worth of damages in 2017, the Red Cross provided financial help to over 575,000 affected households and distributed 4.5



million meals and snacks -- raising \$522.7 million to support its efforts (that's a lot of money!). Camille Gandara, one of the thousands affected by the hurricane and

thankful for its efforts, told about how the Red Cross stepped into her life: "We were down to literally pennies and had no idea where food would come next." Through the Red Cross's efforts, thousands of survivors like Camille are saved each year. But what if the rescued are hurt during the disaster? What if they are unhealthy? What can the organization do?



Molly riding her bike through her neighborhood.

# So, why does all of this matter?

#### Here's an example of the Red Cross's significance:

Meet Molly, a young, happy little girl. At one glance, she's just like any other girl, playing with friends, riding her bike, enjoying her life. With a careless take on life, she has already started her dream of becoming a teacher by teaching the stuffed animals in her room, dedicated to pursuing her passion. Life seems perfect for her... except for one thing: a blood disorder called Beta Thalassemia Major seizes her every now and then. The sickness causes the body to produce

abnormal red blood cells — cells insufficient of enough oxygen. The deficiency itself usually only shows itself towards the end of every three weeks (when she needs a blood transfusion) — making her feel fatigued. Luckily, patients, like her, are able to survive due to the Red Cross and the difference the organization makes in their lives. As told by Molly's mother Tanya, "American Red Cross has been phenomenal for us. I know what her life would be without blood donations — she wouldn't live." Without the Red Cross, thousands around the world would not be able to live. As for Molly after her transfusions, "another kid comes out," once again energetic and cheerful.

On a global scale, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (one of Red Cross's international groups) Societies (IFRC) is at work. Around the world, not all nations are like the US with plenty of resources and safety -- places where the IFRC takes action. For example, in 2017, the IFRC assisted 320,000 people back to health after a cholera outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In another situation, the IFRC supported 200,000 people in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, escape from violence in nearby Myanmar. This is only part of the IFRC's efforts around the world. Stationed in 190 countries, the IFRC responds to a variety of different situations, rescuing and protecting millions every year. With a goal of a healthy, prepared, and impartial world, the IFRC helps billions each year return to familiarity.

Through its efforts, the American Red Cross truly makes a positive difference in the world.

With its services reaching to billions worldwide, the Red Cross's efforts changed the lives of countless individuals and families, allowing them to see the future they might have never been able to see. In a combination of both domestic and international services, the world was never the same with the organization's tremendous efforts.





## Rowling's Accomplishments

J.K Rowling is a good hearted, talented, and kind woman. Though you may just know her from her biggest accomplishment, the Harry Potter book series, she has done so much more and for reasons not connected to greed or glory. She is a self made billionaire and philanthropist, and deserves to be known not only for her books, but her selflessness.





## Where did her money go?

J.K. Rowling is creating a dent in this world for many reasons. She grew up in a poor part of England, with parents who didn't always give her the care a young person needs. Rowling feel into a deep depression and writing became her only escape, so one day in 1990, the idea of Harry Potter was born. Rowling soon became a billionaire, but she didn't keep that money all to herself. What would you do with all that money if YOU were a billionaire? You'd probably spend it on clothes, or cars, or maybe a pool, but you know what Rowling spent it on? Rowling has donated so much money, she dropped out of billionaire status! Basically, since she gave away so much of money (about 160 million pounds) to various charities, that she wasn't a billionaire anymore. She has donated to charities such as Volant Charitable Trust, Disasters Emergency Committee, Save the Children and Christian Aid. She once said "Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." And I think that this quote sums up her life pretty well.

## More Accomplishments

Rowling doesn't just donate to charity, she runs her own! Lumos was founded in 2005 and has been expanding ever since. Lumos is a nonprofit dedicated to keep kids out of orphanages and off of the streets. This charity has branches in over 12 different counties and helps out in many more. Rowling travels too many of these countries and gets her hands dirty, not just supervising from some desk in a office. Lumos has helped an estimated 8 million children. But they aren't stopping there. They're saying that by 2050 there will be 0 orphanages left anywhere in the world. Orphanages are often portrayed in the media as dark and depressing places, and this isn't far from the truth. Of the children waiting in foster care, 30,000 age out every year, without families.

All in all, J.K. Rowling has proved countless times that she is not an ordinary millionaire, but an extraordinary example of what we should all aspire to be in life; a humble, kind, and compassionate person. Though her charity work is not what she is known for, Rowling still pours all of her effort into it. She runs a successful charity, is a well known author with one of the most iconic book series of all time, and still manages to spend time with her family and friends. J.K. Rowling is an outstanding person, and desktop be recognized not just because of Harry Potter, but her work in Lumos.

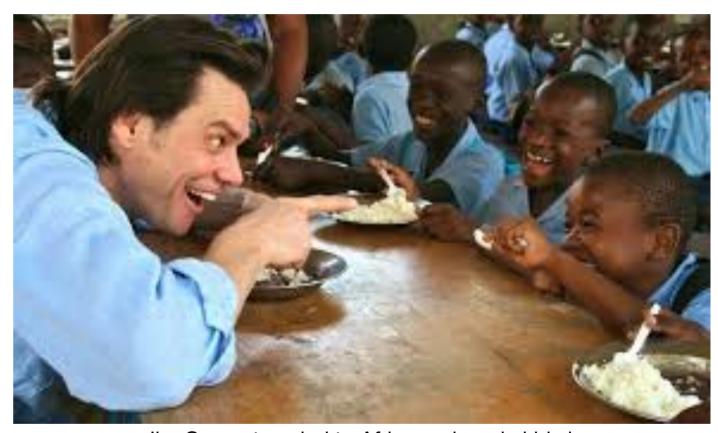


By: Reese Hutson

## A Better U

Despite all the fame and wealth, Jim Carrey has spread good throughout this world in many ways. Jim Carrey showed compassion by founding the Better U Foundation. This philanthropic project provides rice to more than 20 countries. That food can save many families' lives. Jim Carrey even went to the poorer countries and cracked jokes to make them happy.

Jim Carrey has saved many lives with the Better U foundation. The Better U's belief is breaking stereotypes of culture, gender, and many more. A system of rice intensification (SRI) is used to greatly increase rice productivity. It provides rice for many countries and makes sure that families have food on the table. SRI is used in 55 different countries and more than a billion people use rice as a main sort of food. SRI can save your water up to 50% and it allows farmers to earn a better living with their families. Even though he is very rich, he breaks through the barriers of bias in our society and puts a smile on kids faces.



Jim Carrey traveled to Africa and made kids in smile because of the Better U Foundation

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Stats about SRI

"Better U is committed to the promotion of a world community where people mix, ideas get sparked, friendships get forged, stereotypes and prejudices get broken; a world in which mutual trust provides collaborative, new leadership for a world ripe with opportunity. We designed this website to present inspiring innovations and projects we believe will promote transformational and sustainable results for a Better U.

-John Jolliffe, Executive Director

**UP TO 50%** 

WATER SAVING

The Second reason he's a hero is because he helped 9/11 victims. After the bombing of the twin towers, Jim Carrey and many compassionate others donated 1 million dollars to charity for 9/11 victims. Jim realized society was collapsing because terrorism had gone too far. Again, despite the fame, he could have kept his money, but he decided to be the bigger person and lend a helping hand.

Jim Carrey showed true heroism, and demonstrated camaraderie by helping those victims. Did you know that Jim Carrey used to suffer from depression? He understood how they were feeling and he didn't want them to resort to drugs and alcohol. Those people were like a teardrop in an ocean of salt water. Sure people were scared but they had broken bones, hearts, and mentally were a spoon in acid, dissolving away. They were losing their way in life, but Jim Carrey knew how important it was to put them on the right track. To me, that is a heroic act of compassion.



Bombing of the Twin Towers

From helping 9/11 victims to the Better U Foundation, he has developed his personality and become a true hero in many people's eyes. He blossomed from just a one trick pony comedian to a diverse garden of talents

Sadly, not all heroes are always good. One of these examples is when he made political cartoons about President Donald Trump. He set a bad example to the future adults in this world. The president should be respected no matter how much you disagree with his policy and behavior

However, he has learned from his past mistakes when his son was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3.(this was before he made the political cartoons) From then on, he supported charities like the Elton John aids foundation and the celebrity fight night foundation. A hero is supposed to learn and Jim Carrey has learned.



One of Jim Carrey's political cartoons

### The Man Of The Year

By Will Kamm

Many people obsess over superheroes. Captain Marvel, Captain America, Batman, They are all symbols of heroes, But the real heroes are people who are willing to spend their time and money helping others who really need help. Or sometimes it's just letting your friend borrow a pencil but it's all about showing good in the world.

J.J. runs a foundation for kids who's schools can't afford an athletics program. They also helped Houston when Harvey tore Houston apart. That foundation is called the J.J. Watt Foundation. When Harvey struck Houston they helped the community rebuild. J.J. rebuilt over 13 hundred homes. That's almost half the houses in Lost Creek. He had over 180,000 volunteers. That's a 5th of Austin's population. Scott Shulze's comments on J.J.!, "Amazing, I'm a big football fan and he's one of my favorite players and this shows he's just a great guy."



#### J.J. Is Selfless J.J. Loves His J.J. Loves His Hurricane Another reason J.J. is a hero is that he Family **Fans Harvey Facts**

focuses more on other people than himself. For example, he started his own non-profit organization to help

He goes to random schools that have that he loves his family a lot. applied for the program, and once they've been accepted, J.J plays football and basketball with them.

Then after he's done he gives the checkstarted crying. He and J.J. to one of the coaches and they take a picture and he puts it up on his website. When J.J. heard that Houston doctor's office and after he had flooded by Harvey, he started a went in. J.J. also made his new part of his organization for Harveymom on the board of his non-non-profit from the in a hotel room. From there own he

constantly begged and pleaded for money to rebuild his town and raised go around to different schools loves his fans is that he was 37 million dollars in three weeks.

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program.

that he loves his fans just as one of the most destructive start an organization for kids talked before he went into the he's never even met before. He gets help from donator's but still, he had to start the

> willing to help rebuild their 1300 houses and 420 child care centers.

much as they love him. He is hurricanes in us History. Here are willing to spend his money to some facts, Hurricane Harvey did \$125 billion dollars worth of damage and hit wind speeds of 134 miles per hour. Hurricane hit 3 different states, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas.

> J.J. is one of the most successful Defensive Ends in NFL history, and he is just as successful of a foundation owner. J.J. has won the Walter Payton Man Of The Year Award which is a huge honor. J.J. believes in helping the less fortunate that's why he's a good man.

## Oprah Winfrey: A Force Of Good

or not."

-Oprah Winfrey

BY: AAVNI KUPPUSAMY

" If you want to feel good, go out and do some good." - Oprah Winfrey. She is a perceptive businesswoman, talk show host, and philanthropist. Oprah donates to a variety of causes and puts her efforts towards helping people. According to Forbes, she is the third most powerful woman in the world and uses her platform for good. Oprah makes the world a better place.

Oprah shows good in the world because she is a role model who has broken many glass ceilings. Contrary to what you may believe, the talk show host wasn't always living in luxury. In fact, she was sent to live with her grandmother because her mother was struggling financially. Later on, her grandmother sent her back to her mother's

house. Her mother's roommate forced her to sleep on the porch. One night, a man passing by the area raped her. She was just nine years old at the time. Can you even fathom going through that at such a young age? While she wasn't in the best of situations, she still managed to overcome her struggles. Determined to reach her potential, she worked hard for a full ride to Tennessee State University, though she dropped out a year later. Oprah went on to become a news anchor and later

her very own show. She was the first African American woman to make the "Bloomberg's Billionaire Index," the "Richest People" from Forbes, and "Top Philanthropists" released by Business Weekly. By making these lists, she has paved the way for other African American girls to strive for what she achieved.

> In 2013, she was a recipient of the Presidential Medal Of Freedom. A quote from the Obama Administration said, "Ms. Winfrey has long been active in philanthropic causes and expanding opportunities for young women." Oprah is a role model for people who are in similar situations as her.

"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it

> Some recipients of Oprah's goodwill are people in tough situations. She helped in the Hurricane Harvey and Katrina relief, and she

used one of her show slots to persuade people to donate to relief efforts after the earthquakes in Haiti. Oprah's show is an outlet for her goodwill. On her show, Oprah invites people from all walks of life, especially those who haven't had the best experiences. One example is Cheryl Hallett, a struggling alcoholic. She had sent Oprah a letter about her battle with alcoholism. Oprah decided to invite

Hallett on her show and help her. After that day, Hallett had the strength to make the change that she so desperately needed. She's now sober and tells her story to other women fighting with alcoholism. She said, "I get to share my story and it's a real gift, one of the greatest gifts. And Oprah was the catalyst for the whole thing." Oprah is helping people who can't help themselves.

Oprah gives free education and information. She supported the Free The Children charity, which builds schools for children in 3rd world countries and actually built a school for girls in South Africa. Morgan Mpungose, a student at her school, tells a story of hardship turned to success. Her father was an alcoholic and her mother was gone working most of the time. Although the odds weren't in her favor, she got into Oprah's academy and has a life she would have never dreamt of. She currently attends the University of South Carolina. Additionally, Oprah gives education when she has experts on her show talk about their area of

expertise. Oprah is educating people on topics they might not otherwise know about because it can be expensive to enroll in classes about it.

All in all, Oprah is a good force in the world. She has educated people on many topics, helps people in tough situations, and promotes diversity. She uses her power to help other people and not just herself. In conclusion, Oprah shows there is good in the world.



Oprah at the premiere of The Oprah Winfrey Show.



Oprah with the first graduating class of her school in South Africa.

## Stan Lee's Legacy Lives On

**By: Charles Leath** 

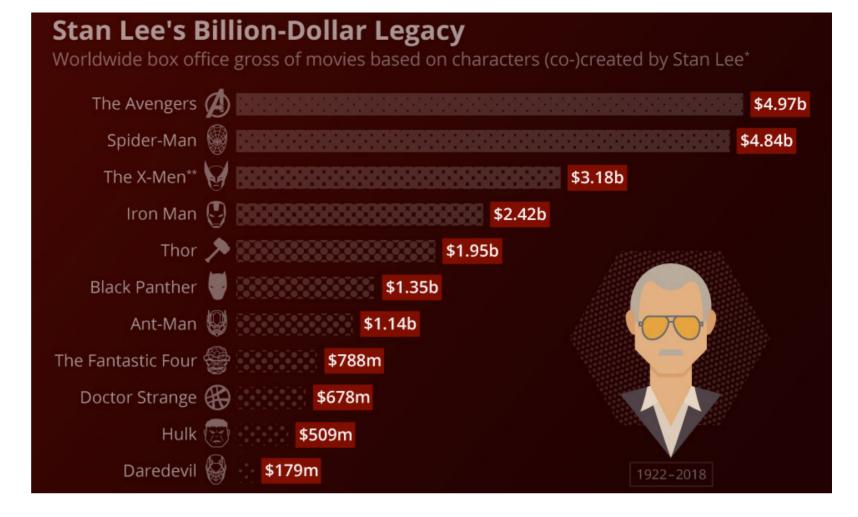
Stan Lee. If you don't know him for some reason, he is basically the creator of Marvel Comics. He created Hulk, Iron Man, Spider-Man, and way more. Yeah. That guy. He has done a lot in his long life, and here are some reasons why he has done good in the world

## The Stan Lee Foundation

In 2010, The Stan Lee Foundation was created to help with education, literacy, and the arts in America. Pretty much, he helps kids learn stuff that they need to know in life through drawing, acting, and singing. It is a non-profit organization that is pretty important because many people do not appreciate these different forms of learning, but the Foundation sheds a new light on it.

## **Super Superheroes**

Another good thing that Stan Lee has done in the world is the good he has



The amount of money different marvel films have grossed over the years

inspired in people. The heroes he created can do anything from being role models for children or even make an adult want to be a better person. For example, a few years ago I heard a story on the news about a group of policemen that dressed up as superheroes for a sick child for his birthday. The policemen heard about his wish and decided to throw a little party for him. The superhero theme inspired the policemen to step up, dress up as heroes and make the kids day. That is the true power of superheroes.

## **Big Bucks**

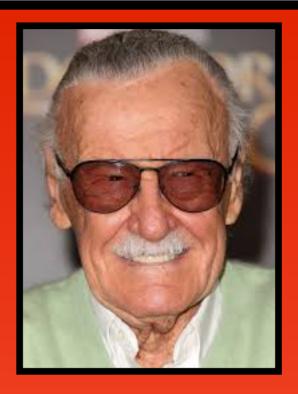
Marvel Movies have grossed over 14 billion dollars which also proves the fact that his movies entertain many people all around the world. The reason people probably enjoy the comics so much is because

it opens up endless imagination to take you away from real life. His comic universe inspires so much imagination that it takes them away from real life. For some people, they need this escape, and Stan Lee's heroes provide this getaway.

## What a Life!

These are some reasons why Stan Lee has done good in the world. He has the Stan Lee Foundation, which donates money to help people with education and literacy through the arts in America. He also brings out the best in people, and, has brought people entertainment that enables anyone to imagine a better world. With his comics, movies, and awesome personality, there is no way not to like him. He might have superheroes in his comics, but I think Stan Lee is the real hero. Excelsior!

# "With great power comes great responsibility" - Stan Lee



Stan Lee (1922-2018)

Last November, Stan Lee passed away at the ripe age of 95. I made this article as a tribute to him for all the good he has done. Born in 1922, the comic book creator lived in Bronx for most of his childhood. In 1947, he married Joan Boocock after retiring from service for WW2. In 1961, Marvel Comics made their first real comic book, Fantastic Four #1. Now, after 95 years of life. Stan Lee has made over 32,000 comics books, Marvel Studios has produced 19 films since 2007, and he has won a multitude of awards including the National Medal of Arts. Other than the Stan Lee foundation, he also founded Stan Lee Media. This is just a small biography of his amazing life.



## VASILI ARKHPOV

## The Man Who SAVED the World

By Daniel Liu

# "A Guy Called Vasili Arkhipov Saved the World,"

Thomas Blanton - director of George Washington University's National Security Archive - said in 2002. Many may believe that this is exaggerated. However, with the US and the Soviet Union on the verge of a "Hot War", this statement is not dramatized.

Arkhipov experienced many different surroundings starting when he grew up from a peasant family near Moscow. At the age of 16, Vasili enrolled in the Pacific Higher Naval School and served at the end of World War II in a minesweeper. He completed his education at the Caspian Higher Naval School in 1947. Afterwards, he went on to serve aboard Russian submarines in the Black Sea. After many years of hard work, Arkhipov became the deputy commander of a K-19 submarine. In 1962, Vasili Arkhipov was on his way in arguably one of the most important missions in modern history.

The Cold War reached its climax when Arkhipov encountered American naval forces on his mission. Castro Fidel, a leftist revolutionary leader, successfully rebelled against local authorities in Cuba. He established a communist government and showed friendliness toward the Soviet Union. In return, the USSR offered to store nuclear weapons on the island. On October 14th, a US spy plane spotted a Soviet missile being arranged for installation in the nuclear base of Cuba. Cuba is only 90 miles from Florida and unsurprisingly, the US suddenly felt threatened by these newly-added nuclear weapons. President Kennedy decided to issue a blockade around Cuba. The blockade initiated what is now referred to as the Cuban Missile Crisis, where the US and the Soviet Union engaged in a tense stand-off. A nuclear war can be triggered at any moment. One of the most dangerous interactions happened underwater in the depths of the ocean.



After negotiating with Fidel to install nuclear weapons in Cuba, Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader at the time, sent many submarines carrying nuclear weapons to Cuba with the goal of strengthening the USSR's nuclear power. One of the squadrons he sent consists of a flotilla of 4 submarines. On board the B-59 submarine is Vasili Arkhipov, one of the 3 commanders in charge of the flotilla. After nearing Cuba, the submarines were abruptly ordered by Soviet leaders to stop short of the American blockade. Subsequently, the flotilla plunged deep into the ocean to avoid detection by the US navy. As a result of this, they were unable to communicate with Moscow.

This is when things began to get out of control. In an effort to relocate the submarines, US warships dropped harmless depth charges. They thought the flotilla will thereby emerge for identification. For the crew members, without communication with the outside world, the rocking and shaking caused by the multiple depth charges indicated that war has already begun. In addition to this, the submarines are in critical condition, described in a crew member's journal:

"For the last four days, they didn't even let us come up to the periscope depth... My head is bursting from the stuffy air... Today three sailors fainted from overheating again... The regeneration of air works poorly, the carbon dioxide content rising, and the electric power reserves are dropping. Those who are free from their shifts, are sitting immobile, staring at one spot... Temperature in the sections is above 50 [122°F]".



#### An Accident in the K-19

In 1961, Arkhipov was appointed the executive commander of the new K-19 submarine. The K-19 was rushed into service. In the middle of the operation, the nuclear reactor's cooling system broke down. This can potentially cause a meltdown in the entire system. The crew was forced to build a secondary cooling system. All people were exposed to radiation, and several of the crew members died on the spot. Many crew members were planning a mutiny. However, Arkhipov sided with the captain. Together, they were able to calm the crew, and in turn, save the submarine. Arkhipov's leadership demonstrated in this incident proves to be vital in his ultimate mission.

This event also brought unfavorable outcomes. Arkhipov was diagnosed with kidney cancer in his late years caused by the exposure to radiation. This directly led to his death at the age of 72.

As the B-59 convulsed with continuous blows from the depth charges, Valentin Savitsky, the captain of the submarine, broke the silence and proposed to launch the nuclear torpedo. Unable to tolerate the extreme heat, the vice admiral also supported the launch. The torpedo is estimated to be as powerful as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima during World War 2. At this moment, if no one interfered with the launch of the nuclear torpedo, the world would be experiencing a disastrous nuclear war. This is when Arkhipov stood out. According to intelligence officer Orlov, an eyewitness of the event, Arkhipov told the captain that the ship was not in danger. Arkhipov argued that the depth charges were noisy and disruptive but always off target, which means that they intend no harm.

Peace. Human Civilization. This is what Arkhipov has been trying to conserve. He held his opinion of the situation and persevered. Two officers with equal ranks have succumbed to the situation and made the decision that can annihilate humankind. The heat in the submarine is almost unendurable, but Arkhipov was able to keep himself cool-headed. He thought about the possible consequences a nuclear bomb can bring. This is a quality of a true hero.

The details of what happened afterwards are controversial. Some people claim that the debate got heated and a few punches were thrown. We might never understand exactly how the drama was resolved. Nevertheless, we know how it ended. The missile was never launched, and the submarine emerged out of the ocean. After witnessing the critical conditions of the submersible, the US released it without further inspections. It would be 50 years later until the Americans finally realized there was a nuclear torpedo on board the submarine.

What will happen if Vasili didn't stop the captain? Without going into deep analysis, the launch of the torpedo will

eradicate the American warships and bring catastrophic effects to the marine ecosystem. However, the consequences will not be limited to this. The Cold War stayed "cold" because neither of the sides were daring enough to launch a nuclear weapon. If this torpedo was fired, the US will be extremely tempted to fire back (considering that they have equal or more nuclear bombs than the USSR), which will in turn lead to a full scale nuclear war. Not only can the war affect these two countries, allies of the superpowers such as Britain can also be involved. Conclusively, the casualties could be measured in the hundred-millions.

Despite everything he did, Arkhipov was at best not punished by his superiors. In a conference reviewing this event, Marshal Grachko - the man in charge - furiously smashed his glasses into tiny pieces and abruptly left the room. "He didn't like talking about it, he felt they hadn't appreciated what they have gone through," noted by Olga, Arkhipov's wife. However, he was later promoted to rear admiral and ultimately to vice admiral. Vasili Arkhipov's willingness to impede his peers and his effort in preserving tranquility shows us that there are people in the world who made decisions for the greater good.



The Future of Life Award is presented to Arkhipov's daughter and grandson in 2017 in recognition of his noble actions.

## Why Anthony Rizzo Is a Good Person

By: Marson Monsivais

How many athletes do you know that have their own organization? The Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation is a foundation that Anthony Rizzo, a first baseman for the Chicago Cubs, created to help families of cancer patients. The foundation is based in Chicago, IL and they have a second headquarters based in Parkland, FL. Rizzo's foundation focuses on helping children with cancer. Anthony founded the Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation in 2012.





Before Rizzo was a Major League Baseball all star, multimillionaire, and celebrity, he was a child diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Hodgkin's Lymphoma is a rare type of cancer with less than 200,000 cases per year in the United States. Rizzo went through chemotherapy for six months, keeping him away from the game he loved. At the same time he was battling cancer, his grandmother was battling breast cancer. Sadly, his grandmother did not make it. Rizzo, however, survived.

The struggle and sadness Rizzo and his family experienced was the driving force to fund cancer research. The foundations goal is to support cancer research as much as possible. Rizzo has always been a coherence.



Anthony Rizzo has done an abundance of good deeds in this world. Anthony single handedly has made thousands of lives better. As a child, he started making donations because he wanted to make a change. As an adult, he now donates millions of dollars each year to cancer research.

One of Rizzo's first events for the foundation was "The First Annual Walk Off For Cancer." Anthony and hundreds of other people would walk a 5k. At this event, they auctioned off memorabilia signed by Rizzo and also had other items to fund cancer research. Not only did people have the opportunity to purchase signed items by Rizzo, they also had the opportunity to donate to cancer. Rizzo and his team raised over half a million by this one event and all of the proceeds went towards cancer research.



## Helping Austin One Dog At A Time **Austin Pets Alive**

#### **BROOKE MOSKOVITZ**

**Compassion.** Does someone pop into your head when you hear this word? The person, actually organization, that pops into my head is Austin Pets Alive. Austin Pets Alive makes many compassionate efforts to save and shelter many animals. They have done as much as helping animals drowning in flood water in the city of Houston, and even just finding foster homes for more high maintenance animals. James Collins founded Austin Pets Alive in 1977 because the death rate of animals in shelters was much too high. Animals were dying in shelters at a large rate, and most of them were perfectly healthy.

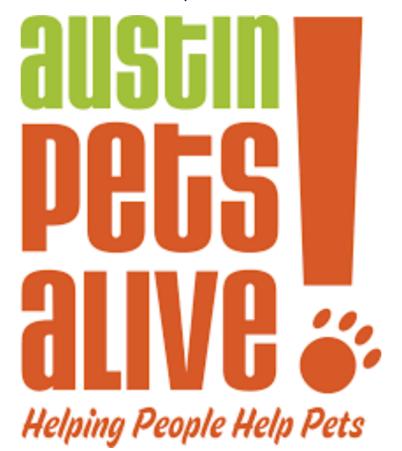
Imagine, Hurricane Harvey just hit your hometown and you had to evacuate, but you couldn't bring your pet. For some, that could be even worse than your home flooding. But don't worry too much, because Austin Pets Alive made a giant effort to save tons of animals! They took in about 2,500 dogs and cats after the destruction hit. "Most of the animals we have in, were previously in a shelter, so they were already in need of homes," said Lindsey Picard, Austin Pets Alive! marketing manager. Many volunteers were risking their lives to save the helpless animals. Animals were being found on roofs and even in flood water. They made it in the news multiple times because of their compassionate efforts with saving so many animals.

#### **Second Chances**

By 2001, over 60,000 animals were given a forever home. Their goal is to give helpless animals the love and shelter they deserve. They will provide any animal with shelter, food, water, and love. All dogs and cats are welcome, and they receive love and support from the workers. Austin Pets Alive made the kill rates in Austin drop about 35% within 3 years, with a giant drop of 20% within the first year. They have saved many dogs and they have given many animals a second chance. Martha's story is truly amazing. Someone found a this sweet pup tied to a pole in front of a store. She looked like she was hit by a car. She was found with broken teeth, and something wrong with her leg. Martha was saved by Austin Pets Alive, and she was given a second chance. Now, Martha is as happy as can be. They would obtain kill lists from other shelters, and adopt those dogs right away. They gave the dogs that would have been killed somewhere else a second chance to find a forever home. They also found tons of foster homes to free up space in shelters for other animals. They have done so much for Austin to help everyone find a new companion.

#### **Amazing Volunteers**

Austin Pets Alive holds many volunteer opportunities. You can volunteer at Austin Pets Alive to help feed and take care of the animals waiting to be adopted. They want the animals to feel as loved as possible. It is also an amazing chance for any animal lover to interact and help out in their community.



Austin Pets Alive does an amazing job with letting as many people pitch in and help. They have many events and fundraisers to expand and improve the lives of so many animals. You can do something as simple as feeding dogs or as big as hosting an event. You could also just donate!

Melissa Jones didn't have enough time in her crazy life to volunteer for Austin Pets Alive. Instead, she donated money to go into the reconstruction of the place. When she went in, she realized the place needed a remodel. She got a construction team out there, and they redesigned the place so it's easier to get around.

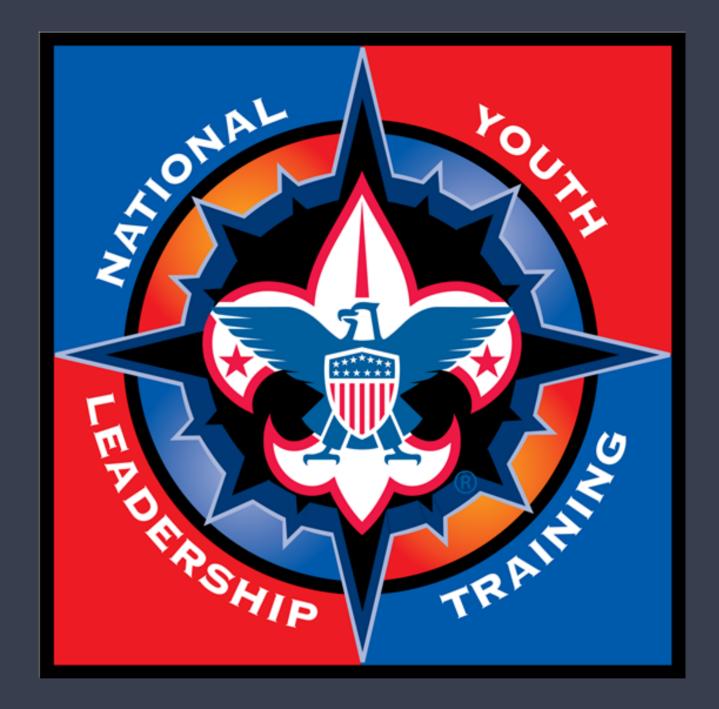
Austin Pets Alive does amazing in this world by saving animals, and giving them second chances. They provide a lot of compassion and anything the animals need. Austin Pets Alive made Austin the biggest no kill city. Their determination throughout the years to save animals shows. They have given so many animals a forever home and so many humans a bestie. Austin Pets Alive is an amazing organization!

## **James Nichols**

## NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training

NYLT is an outdoor training program designed to teach scouts the fundamental skills and a deep understanding of leadership. This extension of Scouts is a week long camp for Scouts with the rank of first class an at least 13. NYLT not only teaches kids about team building and scout skills; explicitly teaches leadership skills which provides older scouts the knowledge necessary to be effective leaders within their troop.



## MY STORY

NYLT is not just a series of lectures although there are a few, it tries to give fun activities to help you build as a team. Personally, I had a really fun time which is why I want to share my experience at NYLT. On the first day we were split up into patrols with kids from all over the Counsel. We begin as total strangers and came together to form a fully functioning team. It gave us the opportunity to cook food together, complete activities as a team, and just hang out as friends. My personal favourite activity was the lashing structure competition where my patrol created a series of three tripods connected in a triangle. We attached three separate swings. The skills we practiced were challenging, but because we had learned about different types of leadership and we knew how to teach the our teammates With the **EDGE** method we effectively completed the challenge and had a fun experience.

For most people, including myself, we find it crucial for young men and women to learn valuable leadership skills. NYLT allows scouts to practice skills necessary for success in guiding their troop, keeping order and motivating others. NYLT teaches the four stages of team development including forming (coming together as a team), storming (arguing), norming (improvement), and performing (taking on the tasks necessary to accomplish your vision). NYLT presents a variety of types of leadership, but shows that the most effective type of leadership referred to as servant leadership as opposed to autocratic leadership. Servant leadership is a form of leadership in which the leader is a serving the good of the group. NYLT teaches that by looking out for the whole of the group and not just yourself the leadership can be beneficial to all. This is a skill that should not only be used in BSA, but as a way of leading in life. Effective leadership requires the team to have buy in and when a leader is working for the team they are more likely to have buy in from the group.

One of the main focuses of BSA is to enable scouts in whatever it is they're learning. Enable is the last stages of the EDGE method (explain demonstrate guid and enable) NYLT provides the final step in the process by welcoming back older scouts who have already completed the course to come and staff. Being able to teach something shows that you have not just learned it, but you have mastered the concept at hand.

## **Trevor Sbrocco**



## "YOU NEVER KNOW HOW THE TOUGH TIMES YOU ARE **GOING THROUGH TODAY** WILL INSPIRE SOMEONE ELSE TOMORROW."

— TIM TEBOW, SHAKEN: DISCOVERING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S STORMS

Tim Tebow is a role model in my life- athletically, and religiously. Many people know Tim Tebow for his athletic success, also many people know him for the expectations for his NFL career not being reached, and getting released by multiple teams. I'm here to tell you relax, Tim Tebow is doing great things for himself and the world. I ask you to define success, is it how much money, fame you have? Or is it being an overall good person?

"The Tim Tebow Foundation."

The Tim Tebow Foundation, is known for its idea "Night to Shine." Which is a prom, for kids with special needs. Each kid, is crown King and Queen, drove around in a limo, given a beauty shop experience, and an all you can eat buffet of chicken nuggets, pizza, milkshakes, ice cream. Tim Tebow is a busy guy, although on that night he chooses one prom out of the 537 proms being hosted yearly, and makes it his mission to meet and talk to every single one of those kids. Parents say it's very impactful on these kids "My son, keeps going on and on about how he met Tim Tebow but, really I think what made him excited was he treated him like a real human being, and I respect that so much." - one Mother said. Although, Tim Tebow hosts the event. He claims he enjoys it so much, that he would attend even if he wasn't the sponsor.





Tim Tebow has done so much more for the community with charity's like Timmy's Playroom. Timmy's Playroom is an idea by Tim for easily accessible playrooms, in a hospital. The foundation has already built 9 playrooms. To the kids exact specifications, unlimited budget. Tim explains it as these kids are already going through so much, so it's needed for sometimes the kids to just be kids.

Tim Tebow is one of my role models, as an athlete and a Christian. Tim has gotten a lot of hate because of his devotion to Christ, some argue he should keep it out of football. You may know of his "touchdown celebration" where he gets down on a knee, and points up. This is Tim's way of thanking him, for what he's just done. He doesn't care, he's proud of the person he is, and proud of the athlete he is too. He continues to thank God for everything he has become, and is a reminder for me to do the same

"What God knows about us is more important than what others think." — Tim Tebow, Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms

All in all, Tim Tebow makes this world a better place. He is not perfect, and he'll be the first person to tell you that. But, he's a great example on someone who works at being the very best he can- As a person and an athlete.

# Feeding the hope of thousands

Feed my Starving Children (FmSC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to getting food to hundreds of thousands of starving kids across the world. The company has delivered food to kids around the world, from Uganda to Haiti. There have been volunteers from all over the country. Millions of meals have been packed. FmSC and all of their volunteers are good-doers.



Richard Proudfit, the man who founded FmSC, is a hero for risking his life for starving kids. In 1974, Proudfit visited Honduras as a volunteer in a medical relief mission and saw all of the destruction that was left and all of the starving, near death children that were there. He later recalled the event, saying "That is when the Lord broke my heart and brought me to my knees and I knew that I had to come back to do something about it." He later founded FmSC in 1987 and Kids Against Hunger in 1998. He went through multiple war zones to get food to these starving kids, and he is a hero for doing so.

FmSC is doing good in the world by delivering all MannaPacks to the kids who need it at no cost to their family. This is possible because FmSC is a nonprofit organization, which means that the income they make goes right back into the company. This also means that most of the individuals who work to pack the meals are volunteers, so if you work there, you won't be doing it for the money. Packing FmSC meals is a very fun process full of yelling, music, and fellowship. Have you ever packed for FmSC?

Because there is tons of food shipped by FmSC each year, they are doing good in the world. One box on FmSC MannaPacks contains about 20 mannapacks. Each box contains 216 meals. 333 million boxes shipped in 2018. Think of how many kids that fed! For example, Michelet and Machelet. These two brothers were left on the side of the road

to die, but one woman from a nearby village notices them and took them to a nearby clinic. With a few months time and daily FmSC meals, Michelet gained ten pounds and Machelet gained eight pounds! It is Children like these who are helped by FmSC every day.

Along with the volunteers, Richard Proudfit was truly a hero. By volunteering at FmSC, you can enjoy fun, friends and fellowship while doing some good in the world. If you ever get the chance to volunteer at FmSC, you should. You could become a hero yourself. You could help save the ones in need. As Richard Proudfit once said when asked about retirement, "I can't, my children are dying."

## Alice Stöckli

## AN AMERICAN TRIUMPH

The National Parks and how they do good in the world



An artistic take on John Muir national park by artist Kai Carpenter. It shows how majestic the redwoods of that national park can be.

"Keep close to Nature's heart... and break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean."

- John Muir

#### An American staple

The national parks of America are some of the most American places in the country. They were brought about starting after 1872. They were made to preserve wonderful and wild places so that everyone could enjoy them. They celebrate places impossible to replicate, or places that are special in some way. America has the first and most national parks. They are loved by Americans everywhere and are fantastic to go to all year round. Our national parks deserve our love, attention and pride.

#### The bison

The American Bison is the country's national mammal. They were near extinct in the late 1800s. White settlers almost obliterated them by hunting masses for sport, and drive the native Americans off land settlers wanted by killing their food source. Hundred of thousands died and they were nearly wiped out. They were on the brink of extinction and then were given refuge in Yellowstone National Park. Given a safe place to live without hunting they slowly regained their strength. They have recovered phenomenally since then, and are now merely threatened and not endangered. With the national parks help they will be around for generations to come. Without the national parks the bison would have been extinct over 100 years ago. If the National Parks had never stepped you would have learned about them only in memory.



Grand Canyon National Park by Robert Shuman



Denali National Park by Jose Torres

#### Learning experience

National parks are a fantastic learning experience for all ages. There are many services that national parks offer. For example You can camp there and spend a weekend in tranquil nature. Or You can simply drive through them and gaze in wonder. Some national parks offer hikes designed for elderly people or even for families. They allow easier hiking with clear trails to suite their needs. Most have summer camps you can send your kids to so they learn to love nature. You can learn to ski, to swim and to care for nature. It is important to teach the Americans of tomorrow to care about nature sooner than later, and to take care of the wild places in our county. They need to realize that if we live the way we are now, their children will never get to see the National Parks.

#### Sierra club

The Sierra club was created by John Muir. He is often called the father of the national parks. In 1868 he moved to California and was amazed. He took a fateful walk down to a valley on a day trip away from his San Francisco home, and discovered towering cliffs and sparkling streams. He was in awe, and built a cabin along Yosemite Creek. He gave city people tours of the valley and helped educate the community about the beauty of nature. He surveyed the land and created a small hotel to lodge his guests. He was a man that pushed to protect the places that he loved so much. In doing this he created places for future generations to cherish. He also created the Sierra club. It is not really separate from the national parks because they are pretty closely involved. You might know the Sierra club from the majestic calendars that they make. They also have a website that starts petitions to help the national parks and other organizations. They help them preserve nature or help animals. They orchestrate great change and continue John Muir's legacy even now.

#### **Conclusion**

National Parks do a lot of good in this world. They help people connect with nature in ways that they never dreamed that they could. The National parks were founded a long time ago yet they still are loved by many today. They help us experience nature without the interruption of city life. There is a national park for everyone! Do you like swamps full of unique birds and alligators? Then the Everglades of Florida are for you. Do you wonder at 100 meter tall geysers and herds bison? Go to Yellowstone. Do you want to climb sheer cliffs nearly 8 miles high or watch bears from your safe car? Then visit half dome in Yosemite.

All are spectacular and worthy places to spend your time. Yes you have to pay a little bit but the cause is worth it. These sanctuaries do not only protect wildlife and plants but also unique and breathtaking places that rely on the protection of our national parks to harbor them.

## Michael Jordan

By: Ashton Torns





## Small List Of Organizations He Donated To:

- · Make-A-Wish Foundation
- · Special Olympics
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Jackie RobinsonFoundation
- James R. JordanFoundation
- · United Negro College Fund

Do you know MJ? You might know him for being the most decorated NBA star to ever play the game of basketball. He's not just known for winning 6 NBA titles and multiple MVP's. Though basketball being a huge part of his life Jordan has countlessly made an impact on his community of North Carolina that he grew up in and the hometown of his basketball legacy Chicago. But not just only those 2 cities. He has also made impacts internationally that help families struggling financially and might not be as fortunate as most Americans are today.

Michael Jordan tries to improve the environment on life by supporting and building kids and family-related businesses. He made a multi million dollar investment with Friends of the Children Foundation and said that, "helping this organization reminded him of his childhood mentors." On top of that him and Novant Health agreed to a \$7,000,000 gift to open 2 Novant Health Michael Jordan Family Clinics in Charlotte. In his interview with The Undefeated he says," The problems we face didn't happen overnight and they won't be solved tomorrow, but if we all work together, we can foster greater understanding, positive change and create a more peaceful world for ourselves, our children, our families and our communities."He also donates and raises money for charities internationally. Jordan hosted the Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational Golf tournament that raised over \$7 million for many international charities. Some like American Red Cross International Response Fund and Ronald Mcdonald Houses of North Carolina. Also, Jordan founded the institute that helps families at the University of North Carolina. Doin all of this around the world he states,"my goal is just to try to put kids and families into better positions so they can succeed at life."

## Donating To Great Causes





Michael Jordan has joined lot of charities over the years of his success and today. A lot of these charities help the benefits of children and people in need. There is a long list of charities Michael Jordan and the Jordan brand have joined up with such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, UNCF / College Fund, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, the Make-a-Wish foundation, and a variety of charitable organizations that support children and families. It has been said that Jordan and his then-wife Juanita pledged \$ 5 million to Chicago's Hales Franciscan High School in 2006 and that the Jordan brand has made donations to other charities such as Habitat for Humanity. On February 14, 2008, Michael Jordan donated \$ 500,000 to the Slidell Boys and Girls Club to build a new gymnasium Michael Jordan and the Jordan branch donated \$500,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Southeast Louisiana's Slidell Unit to help families recover after Hurricane Katrina hit. "The Boys and Girls Clubs of America has been a visible contributor to the families and children of New Orleans, during and after Hurricane Katrina," said Jordan. "Slidell is a community that has been somewhat overlooked in recovery efforts, and we are proud to aid with its rebuilding and leave a lasting legacy for the community." He also donated his entire 2001/2002 NBA season salary to charities helping 9/11 victims. He wanted to focus on historical museums, so he donated \$5 million to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

# GOOD IN THE WORLD

Even with his major success in life as a basketball star Michael Jordan still finds ways to give back to families. He is a wonderful role model for kids anywhere in the world and it shows through the things he's done to make the world better. From a North Carolina native to a NBA legend, he has shown that anything is possible if you make it your goal and strive for it. I think there is good in the world and Jordan proves that to us all through his constant donations to great causes.

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed."

- Michael Jordan



## An Empowering Program

By: Harry Wang



Now, you might ask, "How can Google Education help teachers?" Mr. Piercey works at Eminence Schools in Kentucky: he uses Google Earth Education Programs to improve his students' learning experiences: "Google Earth is a great tool for teaching, and really engrossing students in the idea of story. Having students be able to go and see these real places connects them to the event, but it also gives them the opportunity to explore those places on their own-because Google Earth is not just something the teacher has. This is a tool the students can have in their hands as well." Google Education benefits many individuals across the nation, and it encourages them to have the inspiration to achieve and explore more

#### **Google Earth Outreach**

**GOOGLE** Earth Outreach provides and empowers individuals to positively affect the world. With this program, people have the ability to assist others and preserve the environment. Every day, Google Earth Outreach programs extend to different parts of the world to help make an impact. Moreover, Google Outreach has expanded tremendously, beginning with Google Education.

#### **Google Earth Education**

Google Outreach educate people across the world. Outreach programs offer interesting software to explore and learn. With programs offered by Google Outreach, people can explore zoos, national parks, and places throughout the world. Furthermore, people can learn about ancient architectures, analyze different animals, and trace famous adventures like Marco Polo's journey through Asia.

#### **Google Earth Environmental Protection**

Google provides not only educational programs, but it also offers environmental protection programs. The world's environment is changing rapidly, yet few people are concerned. In a survey done in 2015, only 32% of the men and women cared about climate change; only 55% cared about water pollution. The Google Conservation program emphasizes the changes that the Earth undergoes and presents this information to the public. The Air Quality project was a major program organized by Google. The project mapped air pollution and many other useful data. Google gathered data from its Street View Cars and categorized it, allowing it to be comprehensible by the public. Recent research from the Environmental Defense Fund -- Google's partner for this program -- shows about 24 MILLION Americans live in unhealthy air. This further stresses the need to inform the public about air pollution. Another influential project created by Google is the Forest Mapping project. It maps images of forests worldwide and presents this information to tropical nations' government to draw awareness to the problem of deforestation. Google also organized a program to assist people with drug disposal and to find recycling facilities for drugs. Each day, 134 people die from drug addiction due to the misuse of drugs. In addition, incorrect drug disposal can harm the environment by contaminating a pond or polluting farmland. Google's drug disposal program reduce health risks and protect the environment. These eco-friendly programs not only help the Earth but also help individuals have a better life.

## **Google Outreach Conservation Efforts**

Another project done by Google Outreach is animal mapping and conservation efforts. Over the past years, many species have become extinct due to a variety of reasons; however, many people are not aware of their actions nor are they aware of the consequences. To draw the attention of different nations and individuals, Google created the Global Fish Watching (GFW) program. Google partnered with Global Fishing Watch Data to provide the first global view of fishing traffic across the oceans. Mapping fish traffic can stop illegal fishing over 1.4 billion square miles of ocean. Furthermore, GFW can also provide transparent data of the location of industrial shipping fleets. In addition to mapping fishing traffic, Google's endangered animal conservation program

monitors tiger habitats. A team used global forest mapping data and satellites to track changes in 76 different endangered tiger habitats. By tracking the changes, they prevented critical damage in the habitats and prevented loss of more tigers. Google's animal mapping projects create a better environment for endangered animals



Conservation efforts helped monitor over 70 endangered tiger species and habitats

Google Outreach programs truly make a positive impact on the world. Similar to other outreach programs, Google Outreach provides the world with valuable tools to form a better society. Google Outreach is one of the most successful outreach programs in the world. Through Google's efforts, it transformed Earth in an unmeasurable way.





# Empowering people worldwide

"Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.!

- Bill Gates

Bill Gates helping out children

Bill Gates has improved millions of lives and continues to enlighten the world. He has granted women opportunities all over the world through his leadership programs. Bill Gates has also prevented and saved countless lives in Africa by donating and building hospitals. Bill Gates believes that education is crucial and he has been giving inner city schools the same opportunities as everyone else.

The work that he has done is insane because he has shaped and molded millions of lives in Africa. In Rwanda he cut the mortality rate 30 percent. Bill Gates has expressed good morals by sacrificing his fortune and giving housing to millions and preventing so many diseases. He and his foundation keep spreading the importance of vaccines and introduced the pneumococcal vaccine to three countries in Africa. The amount of foreign aid that Bill Gates has donated through his foundation makes him a model to be a good doer.

Through Bill Gates' programs, he has provided opportunities for women all over the world. In the U.S., he has set up programs for minority women so they can learn leadership skills to help them in the future. Even in foreign countries, he provides jobs for women to empower themselves so that they have a stable income. That's how Bill Gates has empowered women in so many ways and given so many opportunities.

Last but definitely not least is the amount of schools that Bill Gates has improved. In his programs, he brought fundings to schools that desperately needed it so that each student has the same resources as other public schools. By creating these programs in schools where graduation rates were very low, he affected so many lives. This is just another reason Bill Gates has positively affected people's lives.

Bill Gates is a model for everyone to follow He's earned the title of a good person by providing housing for millions of people in Africa and preventing diseases in poverty countries. He's given women all over the world opportunities with leadership programs and jobs. Do you consider Bill Gates to be a good doer?

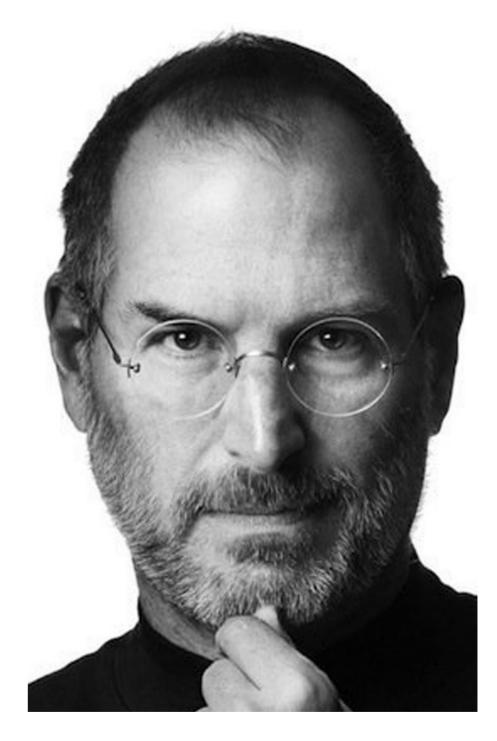
### **Steve Jobs**

### Changing Technology

'm sure that most of you have seen a phone or are even

currently reading this essay on a phone. If you are, many others and I would approve of what Steve Jobs did. He did many things on this planet to make our world a better place for everyone. He challenged the intelligence of humanity. He made technology fun, interesting and cool.

The technology in our world would have been drastically different without the contributions of Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs created the world's most used brand of phones, Apple. The idea for his iPhone was to use the brain of a laptop and insert it into the portability of a phone. Jobs made touch screens seem... normal. He made the internet accessible and easier to use than ever. His creations made our daily lives simpler, safer, and more streamlined for all of us. A few might say that we're being isolated in a world where the technology controls us. But billions of other, myself included, know that thanks to him we're more connected and safer than ever. For example, in



"Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me. Going to bed at night saying we've done something wonderful, that's what matters to me." -Steve Jobs

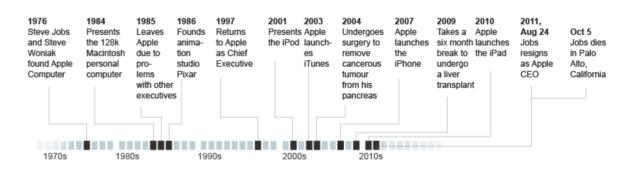
January 12, 2010 a earthquake struck at Haiti. When this devastating event occurred, Guensmork Alcin, a man that got buried under the rubble of a collapsed building for five days, saved himself by calling the rescued team. Thanks to the iPhone, Alcin and others that were in danger were saved.

Not only did Jobs found Apple, which turned out to save many lives, but he also co-founded Pixar and NeXT. Giving people out there a great opportunity for amazing jobs. All in total (Apple, Pixar, and NeXT) Jobs gave around 124,540 and growing, jobs. When Pixar went public, Jobs had the freedom to expand his company in a rapid pace. Did you know that so far Pixar is one of the most influential film studios in the world?! Like their recently relatively new movie called "Incredibles 2" made \$504.382 million in 24 hours, (which is a lot). And NeXT, a company software, merged on with Apple and eventually created macOS, iOS, watchOS, and tvOS together.

Steve Jobs of course earned a lot of money with all of his projects, but he wasn't selfish keeping it all for himself. Instead he donated. Most people don't know that he gave money away because he never did contributed with his name, instead he donated anonymously. Jobs didn't give out money because he wanted publicity, he contributed because he wanted to help. His family has been donating anonymously for more than 20 years. He gave \$50 million to Stanford hospitals and his company Apple helped donate 50,000 iPads

to students and teachers in school and 4,500 macs to teachers. They also donated a undisclosed number of apple TVs to classes. He gave students a better learning environment and experience, and also gave teachers a easier time teaching. So I guess you can say that Steve Jobs was a generous human being.

It's hard to imagine a world without Jobs inventions and generosity. Maybe even next time you look at your iPhone you'll image how much of a big deal it was at that time for Jobs to create such a difficult item, cause I certainly do. Yes, I have no doubt that someone out there would've somehow also come up with these ideas, but...Jobs successfully did it first. Steve Jobs was a one of a kind of a human. He was original. He was one of those people that *never* gave up when others talked bad about him. He created so much and the world wouldn't be like it is now without his help.



"Sometimes life is going to hit you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith." -Steve Jobs

## One Giant Leap for Mankind

By Austin Yohe



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, is the leader in modern space exploration. They have sent countless spacecrafts out into our solar system, and while not all of them were successes, each of these crafts expanded knowledge of our universe in their own way. Their shuttles, rovers, probes, satellites, and other crafts been innovating space travel, even since the administration's creation in 1958. Without NASA, space travel wouldn't be the same as it is today.

NASA has made a huge impact on what we know about the universe. NASA managed to land the first humans on The Moon through the Apollo missions, and not only that, but they also sent countless space shuttles and rovers to orbit and land on other celestial bodies. Even now, NASA is planning to send even more missions in the near future to explore places like: Mars, Jupiter, and Pluto. These future missions will allow us learn more about these planets we know so little about. Because of NASA's achievements, humanity's view of our universe is becoming clearer every day.

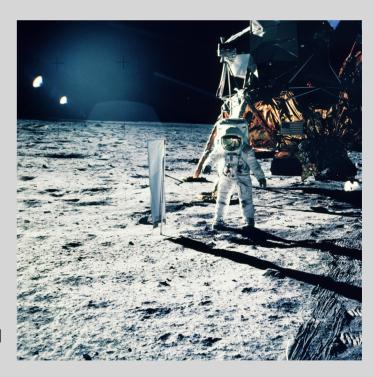
In addition to expanding knowledge of space, NASA has also improved space technology, but in what ways? NASA created the first spacecraft to successfully land humans on The Moon, and the first probe to orbit Mars. They created new technology for spacesuits and spacecraft to allow for future missions. These technological innovations have since been used to create the ISS alongside other countries, allowing for humans to live in space. With all that's been done so far, it seems likely that NASA will continue to create new technology in order to make new discoveries.

Throughout all of NASA's history, they've continuously been able inspire thousands of people and expand the world of space exploration. They've been able to discover new information about space that may never have been known without them. With all of their achievements in mind, it's clear to see that NASA has done its share of good in the world.

### Apollo 11

After Alan Shepard became the first American in space, President at the time, John F. Kennedy, set his sights on The Moon. Kennedy wanted to get a man on The Moon before the Soviet Union, so NASA got to work on the Mercury and Gemini projects in order to test out the technology. The first Apollo mission unfortunately caught fire, but NASA moved past it to make the other Apollo missions. For a few years, there were no significant advancements. This all changed when Apollo 7 was eventually launched into space and successfully orbited Earth, followed by Apollo 8, which orbited The Moon. Finally, Apollo 11, manned by Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, landed on The Moon. Armstrong triumphantly stepped out of the craft, becoming the first man ever to

step foot on The Moon.
Armstrong uttered the immortal words heard all around the world, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." The success of Apollo 11 is perhaps the most important step in NASA's history, and easily one of the most important in the history of space travel altogether.



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