# So Good at Heart S

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 ídeals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart. - Anne Frank

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

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

# The Wilderness Prophet



In 1849, a young child and his family emigrated from Scotland to the United States. A bright boy, few would have imagined he would abandon a promising future and roam for years through the American wilderness - but even fewer could have imagined he would be responsible for saving America's wildlife. John Muir's future could have been many things but if he had chosen a different one, we might not be able to see our wilderness as it is today.

Through his selfless efforts to protect American nature for future generations to come, John Muir is a wonderful example of good in the world. At a time in American history in which people disregarded environmental concerns, Muir abandoned a promising career in industry to explore the great expanse of American wilderness and safeguard it for the future. In many ways, he can be considered

responsible for setting Americans on the path to our current, modern outlook on wilderness and wildlife, as well as for saving it for us to see.

#### Wandering Through America

But he might never have turned to nature had he not been involved in a factory accident as a young man, in which he was temporarily blinded. After recovering, Muir wished to see a world untouched by such things as man and machine, and chose to roam in solitude through America's wild territories, first undergoing a 1000 mile trek from Kentucky to Georgia and then traveling, often on foot, for a few years. This was when he first discovered Yosemite - the place that would prove to play a significant role in not only Muir's life, but also in preservation.

### By Vaibhavi Addala

At a time when environmentalist sympathies were low in the country, John Muir managed to cultivate interest in many leading Americans in preserving the environment and natural wildlife. In particular, he was able to convince President Theodore Roosevelt of the importance of establishing and protecting new areas, especially in the West, which was wilder and more vulnerable to destruction.

In 1903, Muir was Roosevelt's guide to Yosemite on a three day trip which influenced the the President profoundly. During his time in office from 1901 to 1909, Roosevelt would establish five national parks, 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, and four national game reserves - more than any other president in American history. By bringing such an important cause to the head of the nation and prompting him to take action, Muir was able to set a precedent and help future presidents and citizens take an interest in their natural wildlife and environment and its



Muir with Roosevelt

protection. It can be inferred that a lot of American wildlife owes its current existence to a man who died more than a hundred years ago.

#### **Calling for Preservation**

By the late 1800s, wildlife faced much danger due to westward expansion. Even protected areas, such as Yellowstone, and later Yosemite, faced imminent destruction. Loggers dominated the west and cut down thousands of trees - many thousands of years old - effectively clearing acres of land of wildlife; poachers and hunters killed and endangered many species; sheep and other livestock were allowed to trample and graze with abandon; the area's natural resources were being quickly and recklessly depleted.

Muir's articles on wildlife, which were already immensely successful, started to call for preservation and chided politicians and the people for turning a blind eye to the blatant disregard of

conservation policies or the lack thereof. In his article "God's First Temples: How Shall We Preserve Our Forests?", for example, Muir explored the different disadvantages economic. environmental, and practical, of the logging and destruction of forests in California, and

"T have done the best T could to show forth the beauty, grandeur, and all-embracing usefulness of our wild mountain forest reservations and parks, with a view to inciting the people to come and enjoy them, and get them into their hearts, that so at length their preservation and right use might be made sure."

rebuked the government for its overlooking this problem. Many such articles created an impact and often caused change to occur. Alongside these articles, Muir never gave up writing of his experiences in nature. In fact, Muir might even have found the latter kind of paper more influential.

#### Yosemite

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While his papers were widely read and did succeed in "getting [national parks] into [the people's] hearts", Muir would ultimately be known best for his tireless efforts to federally protect wildlife. Prior to 1890, Muir guided numerous popular figures through Yosemite, including Ralph Waldo Emerson and Robert Underwood Johnson, in an

effort to ensure its protection. Johnson, the editor of a popular magazine, proved to

the most helpful in protecting Yosemite. After he published many of Muir's articles, a bill protecting Yosemite was proposed in Congress, and 1890 saw Yosemite designated the second American national park. In addition to Yosemite, Muir was also instrumental in the creation of the Grand Canyon, Mount Rainier, Petrified Forest and Sequoia national parks.

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Muir's article - "God's First Temples: How Shall We Preserve Our Forests?", as it first appeared in February 1876

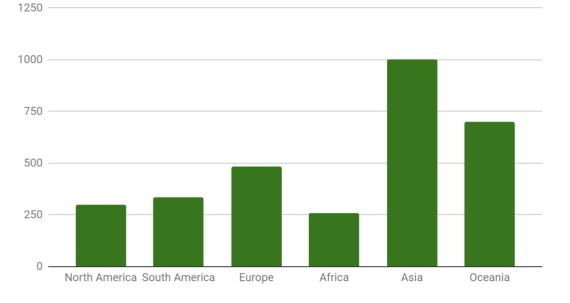
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#### **Muir's Foreign Influence**

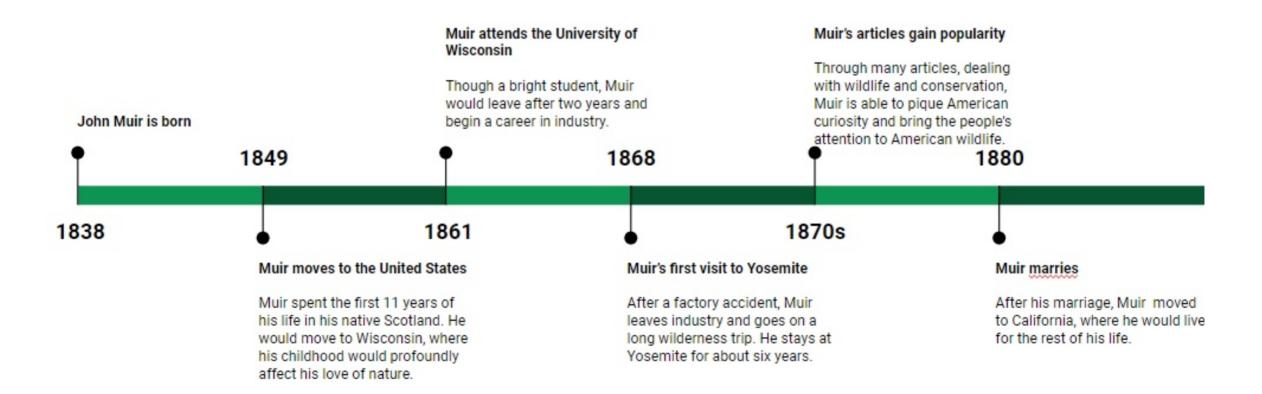
However, Muir's true impact on America may not be found in the publishing of hundreds of articles, or the establishment of several national parks, but in his influence on the American people - and foreigners - to enjoy, and protect the vast wilderness which could be found in their country. After his death in 1914, the amount of annual National Park visitors has skyrocketed, and so has the number of national parks in foreign nations. While foreign wildlife was never a focus of Muir's, he brought conservation to America; he brought it to the world. He saved American wildlife, and he might have saved foreign wildlife too. How? Muir was one of the biggest preservationist of his time - meaning he believed in completely leaving wilderness alone. This was not a popular stance, as many other environmentalists of his time were conservationists - meaning they believed in protecting the wilderness, but using its resources in a limited fashion.

However, after the United States set up several national parks - many of which Muir had a hand in - many other countries followed suit in this preservationist idea. Additionally, Muir profoundly influenced many people from different countries, including Ryozo Azuma - the "John Muir of Japan" - and James Bernard Harkin - Canada's first Commissioner of National Parks. Through these environmentalists, Muir's influence spread to every corner of the globe.

#### **National Parks Established After Muir's Death**



More than 90% of every continent's national parks were created after Muir's death.



#### Later Years

Muir's later years were frenzied. After he married in 1880, he moved to Martinez, California, where he grew moderately wealthy growing pears and grapes. Though he seemingly 'settled down', he frequently traveled and never gave up on his love of nature. During his later years, he visited six of the seven continents, authored several more books, and founded the Sierra Club in 1892, which he served as president until 1914. The Club followed Muir's vision and still exists today, protecting wildlife from harm. In the 1910s Muir and the club waged a bitter crusade against a proposed dam in Yosemite. Unfortunately unsuccessful, Muir died just a year after the project was approved in 1913. He died on December 24, 1914, at the age of 76 leaving behind several national parks, a protected west, and most importantly, a changed America.



#### **Yosemite National Park is established**

Though his successful lobbying for the establishment, Muir had a big hand in Yosemite's creation.

#### Legacy

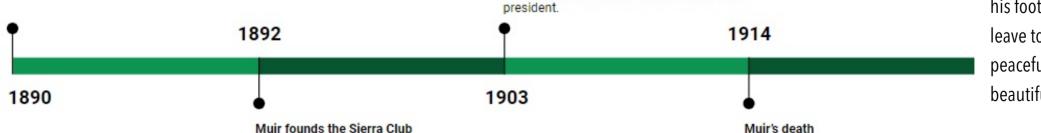
Imagine, had one boy never moved from Scotland to America, had he lived in a city instead of the country, had he never been injured in an accident, how vastly different America - the world - would be today? It is often unbelievable the amount of change one person - just one - can bring to the world. John Muir has been called "The Wilderness Prophet", "The Father of Our National Parks", and "Citizen of the Universe", but beneath all of the grandeur and embellishment was a man who loved nature, who knew of its importance, and who believed in the future to protect it. Now, when Mother Nature is facing her gravest threats, it is up to us, the future, to save her once again. What John Muir started during his lifetime must be finished by our generation, and it is up to us to see whether we shall protect it like he did, or destroy it like others could have, and might have done.

John Muir's Legacy has not ended. He has influenced people from all over the globe to take responsibility for their actions and save the planet we share with countless other creatures - not just for us, but for them too. In a sometimes dark and hopeless world, selfless people like John Muir, who gave their lives to serve a higher cause, serve as an inspiration for a better future not only for mankind, but for the rest of the world too. He worked unfailingly hard towards informing the public of what needs to be done for the world to be tolerant and peaceful in the years after his death, and

#### Muir tours Yosemite with President Theodore Roosevelt

In what is considered the most significant camping trip in conservation history, Muir would convince Roosevelt of the importance of conservation, profoundly influencing the president.

livable for the people whom we leave our planet to, and it's now up to us to see if we follow and continue in his footsteps, and leave to posterity a peaceful, green, and beautiful earth.



Muir's death comes just a year after his unsuccessful battle against the "Hetch Hetchy Valley Dam".

#### Muir founds the Sierra Club

Muir would serve as the president of the Sierra Club from its founding to his death. The Sierra Club still exists, and continues Muir's environmentalist work in the world.

# **NOT ONE MORE...**

# Millions of people from around the world

in the largest youth protest since 2000. Thousands of signs supporting an end to gun violence. More than 20 minors speaking about the impact of gun violence on their lives. One school shooting has lead to survivors calling for change from the world. March For Our Lives movement is heroic because it is fighting for gun control. On February 14, 2018, there was a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. 17 people died . While grieving, the survivors used their experiences to call for a change in gun control. March For Our Lives (MFOL) is a student-led movement in support for more gun control laws, and has had marches in every continent since 2017. March for Our Lives has had a true impact on the world.

March For Our Lives has had a huge impact on gun politics using social pressures. On March 24, 2018, the first MFOL rally happened in Washington DC. More than 1.2 million people came, with all the speakers being below the age of 21, making it the largest youth protest in the history of America. After the Parkland shooting, 69 gun control legislation passed in 20 states. More than 20 companies, including Delta and Hertz, have cut connections to the National

Rifle Association. Dick's Sporting Goods has also announced that they would stop selling assault-style rifles in their stores and would

only sell firearms to those 21 and older two months after the march. In a tweet, the sporting goods store also urged representatives to ban assault-style firearms, close the gunshow loophole, and raise the national minimum age of firearms purchases to 21. Dick's is one of the largest distributors of assault rifles along with Walmart which has followed in their footsteps. As a result, MFOL's measures have changed the world.

March For Our Lives has had a huge impact on the world. Besides the marches, there have been other forms of protest all over the world. For example, there was a national school walkout to raise awareness about issues of school safety and the impact of gun violence on the world. Students from 2,800 schools walked out with a

#### by Avyu Ambati

total count of 1,000,000 people. This was one of the largest worldwide walkouts for gun safety measures and surpassed the record of

> 75,000 people in 2000. Students left for 17 minutes to memorialize the 17 people killed during the Parkland shooting. They have also hosted rallies and voter registration drives to dozens of states with the goal of increasing youth voter turnout. The Parkland students helped create record numbers for youth voter registration, registering thousands of voters from rallies. The survivors have spent the past year connecting

with activists who have long advocated for



1.3 million people came to marches all over the world.



for gun violence prevention in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington DC, and more. These activists come from many different

situations and connect many different races. Their goal is to build a national movement.

#### The

#NeverAgain movement is the way this

movement began and the most important part of MFOL. This whole movement wouldn't have begun without social media. In fact, during the attack, many kids tweeted about was unfolding in real time and uploaded videos and pictures. The first-hand point of view of this tragedy made its way around the world in real time through Snapchat, Twitter, and Instagram They turned their grief into action and called for change. Social media was the platform used to organize the national school walkout. This is always where they have addressed politicians. The students have spoken and received TV airtime to spread their image, but it's on social media

where they're more effective in pushing back against pro-gun activists. The survivors post to their own social media

> accounts and use to challenge the NRA and others. The hashtag #NeverAgain was used 3.6 million times, and over 7.5 thousand tweets were directed at the NRA social media account. In less than six weeks the Parkland

their stories and support for the Never Again movement.

March For Our Lives is an important movement in the history of America because it's one of the largest youth protests in history. They have emerged as survivors instead of grieving and called for change. They've had true impact all over the world creating a national movement and inspiring others. By connecting different situations and races with one central goal of more gun control measures

#NeverAgain @NeverAgainMSD

#NeverAgain never again will this happen in Parkland. Never again will it happen anywhere. Never again. Join the movement. Be the movement.

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they couldn't attend because of the world's access to social media. Tweets went out to gain support and awareness for their cause. Besides the physical marches by using the hashtag NeverAgain people could send MFOL is a unique youth movement dedicated to creating a future with less progun measures and more gun control measures.



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## By: Hibbah Amin DOCTOR, DOCTOR!

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thinking of good people, who comes to mind? Is it teachers? Firefighters? Police officers? Often times

we neglect those who do the most for the world. One of these many underestimated professions is medicine. Doctors, surgeons, and medical researchers are burdened with restoring the health of the human race. Dr. Moben Mirza is a urological surgeon, professor, and researcher, as well as a father of three. With fourteen years of experience in the medical field, and twelve as a father, he has quite a lot to handle. With such a busy life, how does he manage to stay good at heart?



# In the Operating Room

As a surgeon, Dr. Mirza saves the lives of cancer patients almost every day. He removes life-threatening tumors from the urologic tract, and that job comes with a lot of responsibility- even the tiniest of mistakes could change the outcome of the procedure drastically. Be it a tiny incision in the wrong place, or the wrong dose of anesthesia. Dr. Mirza has to deal with a lot of pressure having at least two major surgeries & several minor ones scheduled every Monday and Thursday. With the first one starting at 7:30 am and the last one ending at 5 pm, Dr. Mirza spends the better part of the day in the operating room, scalpel in hand. He believes that, "A doctor's only interest should be their patient's care."

## Mr. Professor

When his hands aren't full of surgical tools, Dr. Mirza works as the Associate Professor of Urology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He is igniting a spark of inspiration in the generations of doctors to come by training the young, eager med students. Being chief educator, it's Dr. Mirza's job to make sure that all residents are getting the proper education and experience, so that they're prepared for the reality of the position. His work as a professor provides students with a chance they may not have otherwise had- he's a role model to not only them but to the children that will come after.

# Microscopes and Latex Gloves

There is more to Dr. Mirza's job than just teaching and operating- he also conducts clinical research. His experiments focus mainly on prostate cancer, but include kidney and bladder cancer as well. His work applies the lab data to patients, seeing how it translates into the patient care setting, and making improvements where they are needed. Dr. Mirza's handson experience provides crucial information used in finding new treatments and procedures though he doesn't spend much time in the laboratory.

"I try to make the world a better place by treating patients who are sick, by helping them live better and healthier lives." To sum it up, Dr. Mirza's impact on the world is nothing but positive. He somehow manages to save lives, make advancements in medical

research, teach a new wave of residents, and give his family the love they deserve. People such as Dr. Mirza are often forgotten, though they are



the ones doing some of the most important work for mankind. Humanity as a people should be thanking them for their determination and resilience, for where would this world be without them?

"I also do research to help advance in science. Science that can help find cures for cancer- kidney cancer, prostate cancer, bladder cancer. Find the next generation treatments and collaborate to make communities, and you know, nations, the world, a safer and better place," he says.

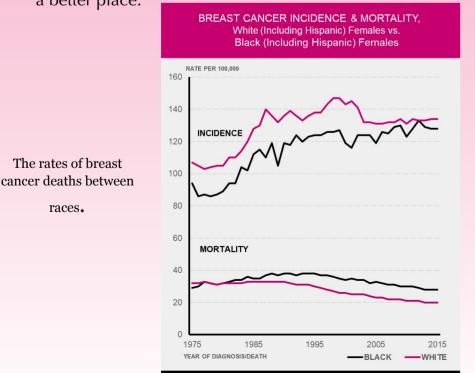
## **By Jessica Ashby**

# **Breast Cancer**, **Stop Killing People**

Imagine if your mother obtained breast cancer, wouldn't you be devastated? This means that the world will become more joyful if people beat cancer. Imagine that you were told you only have a month to live, but you live for 20 more years. Wouldn't that feeling, of proving them wrong, be amazing? Helping treat and prevent breast cancer is something that could never cause damage to the world. After all, the whole reason Nancy G. Brinker started the foundation was because of a promise she made to her sister to help with breast cancer. Her sister was Susan G. Komen who died from breast cancer. Brinker is keeping her promise, and trying to fulfill it the best she can. The Susan G. Komen Foundation makes the world

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## **Fundraisers**

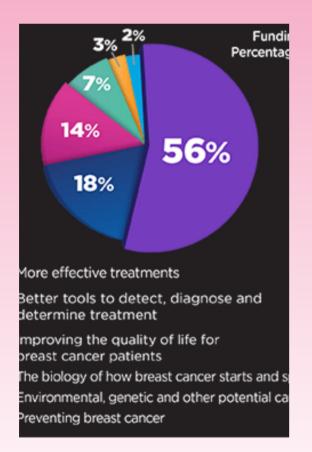
The Susan G. Komen Foundation helps people with breast cancer by hosting fundraisers. Fundraisers raise money for research and treatment. They need money to make the difference they want to make. Fundraisers can also help spread knowledge about breast cancer. They have many fundraisers throughout the United States. Some of them include Golf for the Cure, Race for the Cure, a Fashion and Beauty Event, and the Three Day Walk. They raise most of their yearly \$146,738,241 from these fundraisers. Over 500,000 people participate in the Three Day Walk. This is an event where people go on a hike for three days. It helps people experience nature and themselves. Imagine how many people participate in all of their fundraisers together! These people want to do good in the world, so they're going to the fundraisers. They make each of their fundraisers enjoyable which makes people happier, and want to help with their organization more. The fundraisers usually have places for your kids and food stations. If they don't have any fundraisers, they have to rely on only donations, and then they wouldn't be able to make as big of a difference. This is because the fundraisers inform people about breast cancer. The more people know, the more likely they are to go to fundraisers and donate. Their fundraisers help to slowly make the world breast cancer free which will automatically make the world a better place.

### Advocacy

The Susan G. Komen Foundation has helped decrease the breast cancer death rate by informing people about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. It's important to teach people about breast cancer, so they can think ahead and hopefully prevent or treat it. They do this to try to help people overcome breast cancer. One of the main things they talk to people about are the death rates from breast cancer. They tell people that their goal is to reduce the death rate by 50% by 2026. They educate people about their goal, and once they hear about how many people die, the more likely they will want to help. It's important for people to know the dangers of cancer. Once you know them, you will probably get checked for it, and be thinking ahead. Doing this will make your chances to prevent and treat it higher. The longer you wait, the worse it becomes, so why wait?

## Their Purpose

Susan G. Komen helps prevent death from breast cancer by helping pay for treatments and research. It's important to pay for research and treatment. They have to put the money they make at the fundraisers to a good cause that helps breast cancer. By doing this, it completes the circle of helping people with breast cancer. Most of the money they raise goes to more effective treatments. This is because once you have cancer, you have to have a good treatment to cure it. Because they do this, there has been a 39% decline in death from breast cancer. They make this money from fundraisers and donations. They give the revenue straight to the places that will help the patients the best. They also try to make them feel more comfortable in the hospital. They don't waste their money on things that help themselves. They put it towards things that will help others.



What the money they raise goes to.

The Susan G. Komen Foundation helps find ways to help people with breast cancer, and even the people who are afraid to get it. Who isn't scared of getting cancer? All of the things they do is going towards helping breast cancer patients. They're always coming up with new and exciting fundraisers, so you won't get bored of going to the same one. They try their hardest to make a difference. This is an organization that does good in the world because no one wants to have cancer, so a cancer free environment is a joyous environment. This is for the greater good of the world.

### Parody of "Mamma Mia"



Nancy Brinker

# **Ronald Reagan and His Success**

## **By: Joseph Budiselich**

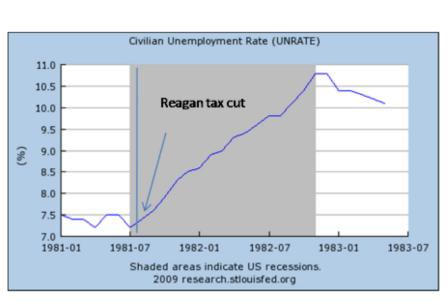


Family is the most essential part of life you can think of, right? They are there when you are in a rough time and they always look out for you. Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the United States of America, thought of the American people as family. He loved and cared for them and he wanted what was best for them.

Before Ronald Reagan became president, he was a radio sports announcer, host for television shows, and an actor in movies (which is when he met his first wife). He was a popular face of the American people and was widely known before his presidency. His contribution to the entertainment genre of America was tremendous and we should honor that.

Before becoming president, Ronald Reagan strongly served as governor of California for eight years. This prepared him for his presidency. He, however, ran unsuccessfully for president in 1968 and 1976. That didn't stop him, though. Finally he won the right to the Oval Office in 1980 in a time of economic distress and troubles with foreign policy. If he hadn't tried again, he wouldn't have become president and out country wouldn't be where it is today. He showed that persisting and persevering does pay off in the end.

During his time as president, Reagan proposed massive tax cuts with reductions of 30%. These cuts went for both individual and corporate taxes over the next three years. Reagan believed that the tax cuts would stimulate the economy, but in fact, this pushed the nations unemployment rate to %11, the highest it had been since the Great Depression. Bankruptcies and farm foreclosures reached record levels. By early 1983, the economy had begun to recover. Unemployment and inflation reduced tremendously. Economic growth had begun to rise through the remainder of the presidency. Failure happens to us all, and its what makes us humans. We wouldn't be who we are without making a few failures in our life. This just shows that even the best people mess up at some part in their lives and that its okay to make mistakes.



During the Reagan Administration, the Soviet Union was growing stronger. It was, by then, a global superpower. Ronald Reagan convinced the Soviet leader at the time, Gorbachev, to reduce military forces by five-hundred thousand soldiers and ten thousand tanks, which was a drastic step in dissolving the U.S.S.R. Ronald Reagan used his time as president to the fullest and this benefited the country.



Ronald Reagan speaking about the Soviet Union

Ronald Reagan's success during his acting career, his time as governor, and his presidency was awe inspiring to everyone at the time of his achievements. He cared for the American people and was a role model for them. People looked up to him and supported his decisions. He wanted what was best for the American people and he did his greatest. That is truly good at heart.

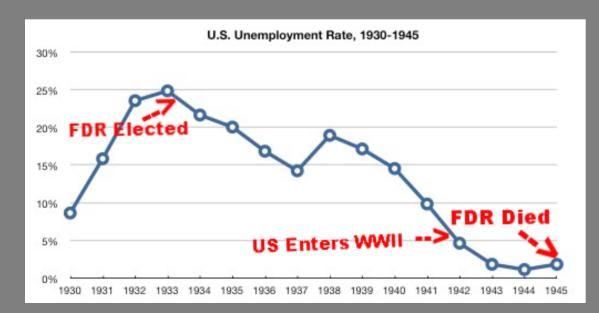
"There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit" -Ronald Reagan

# Good at Heart

By : Alexander Hartman

Do you think there is no good in the world? Do you think no one is good at heart? Well, if you are looking for someone that is truly good at heart, look no further than Franklin D. Roosevelt. Franklin D. Roosevelt, or FDR as he is more commonly known, was the U.S. President from 1933-1945. He died in 1945 while still in office. Helping people heavily affected by the Great Depression

The first reason Roosevelt is good at heart is that he made the people who were heavily affected by the Great Depression lives better. He created unemployment benefits for people who were laid off and couldn't find jobs. He



created the Works Progress Administration which would provide jobs to people that were unemployed. What it mainly did was build highways and other infrastructure. Roosevelt also created the Civilian Conservation Corps. It also provided jobs to unemployed people. It even benefited the environment because it was a conservation effort. It provided its workers with shelter, clothing, food and \$30 per month. In today's money that's about \$580. Sounds like a great deal for anyone! Unemployment benefits made people be able to have some money while they looked for other jobs. That meant they wouldn't fall into poverty. The Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps provided jobs to a lot of people and gave great benefits to workers. These helped the people that were heavily affected by the Great Depression out a lot.

# Helping the elderly

Roosevelt also shows that he is good at heart by helping the elderly. He created social security which gave cash payments to elderly people, regardless of their work record. He passed the Railroad Retirement Act which gave pensions to retired railroad employees. In social security, there was something called Old Age Insurance. It basically

Unemployment rate under Roosevelt

does what it says, and that's giving insurance to the elderly. Social security was a great thing for the elderly. They didn't have to save as much money for retirement and could retire earlier. The Railroad Retirement Act made them even better off. Old Age Insurance made it so that there insurance was already covered, whether that was health, life etc. All of this meant that the elderly's lives greatly improved because of Roosevelt.

# Helping farmers

The third reason Roosevelt shows that he is good at heart is that he made farmers lives better. Roosevelt introduced a number of agricultural programs to help farmers . He created the Agricultural Adjustment Act, which paid farmers to not plant their crops to balance the supply and demand for food. Now why would they do that? Before the Great Depression, there was a massive demand for food. Farmers planted more and more crops to keep up with demand. Demand for food collapsed after the Great Depression hit. This meant prices for food crashed. Farmers went broke because they would not be able to make a profit. By paying farmers to not plant their crops, the supply and demand could be balanced and prices could rise again. The even better part of this was that it was

completely optional. Nothing was forced upon farmers! Roosevelt also created the Farm Security Administration, or the FSA. The FSA loaned money to tenant farmers, people that rent land to farm on, at low interest rates. The FSA also set up camps in California for migrant workers and farmers in the Midwest that had gone to California in search of land/work. The FSA helped migrant farmers that had fled the dust bowl to find shelter. The loans it gave out to



addressing congress. December 7, 1941

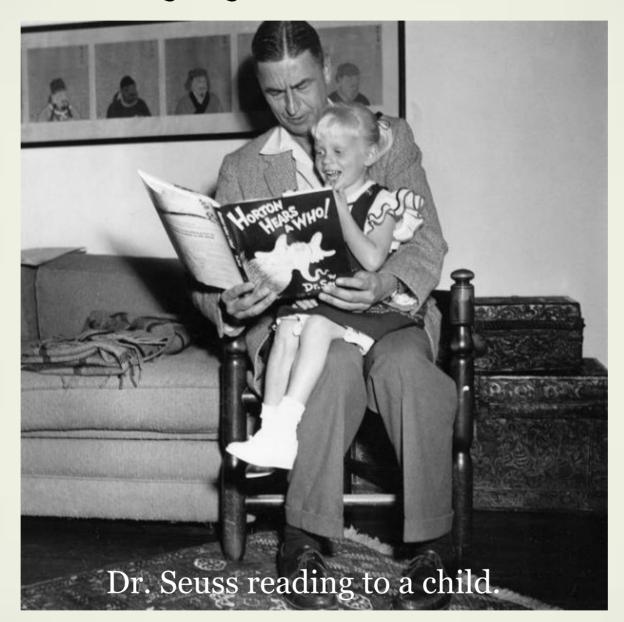
tenant farmers meant that could rent more land to farm on which meant they could get greater profits. The Agricultural Adjustment Act balanced prices so farmers could start making profits again also. This all really helped the farmers!

In conclusion, Franklin D. Roosevelt shows that there is good in the world because he helped out people that were heavily affected by the Great Depression and were unemployed, he helped out the elderly, and he helped out farmers. All of their lives improved because of Roosevelt. Roosevelt is truly good at heart.

# **Revolutionizing Reading**

Reading can be boring. When someone tells you to do some reading, you might groan, or not want to. For many young children, reading was never a fun activity. But there's one man who changed this all. Dr. Suess is a world renowned author who has made the world a better place through the good messages and entertainment in his books.

Dr. Seuss has made an impact on many people with the messages in his many books. Dr. Seuss's impact on today's culture has led to have many more writers just like him, spreading his good messages to children. The authors, Shel Silverstein, Louis Sacher, Ronald Dahl, and Judy Blume have all started that they were largely influenced by Dr. Seuss. By: Ryan Gíordano



# A Call to Action

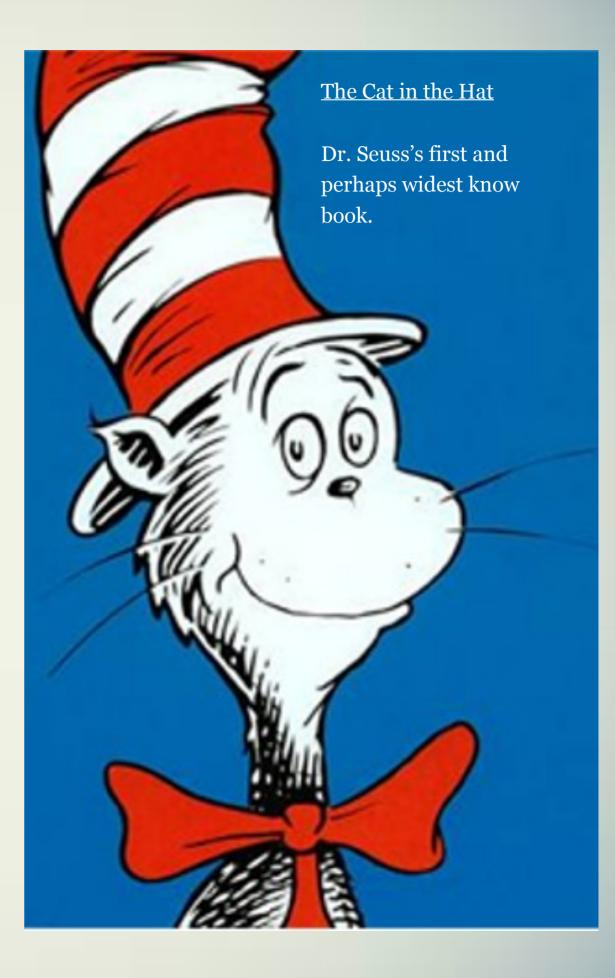
Dr. Seuss has made it fun and encouraging for children learning read. In 1954, a director at Houghton Mifflin read a report in Life magazine that said children weren't learning to read because books were boring. Dr. Seuss was given 348 words every six year old should know and asked him to write a book "children can't put down." This was obviously successful, as he created "The Cat in the Hat." His childish, whimsical way of writing has drawn in many readers throughout the years. Reading is such an important skill, and Dr Seuss has made it very enjoyable. By putting these books in front of any child, with all the good messages he's put into his books, that child is guaranteed to smile.

# Honoring a Hero

Dr. Seuss has had so many major achievements in his life. He has written a total of over 60 books, Green Eggs and Ham his most popular, with a total of 8 million copies sold to this day. He has received 2 Academy Awards and 2 Emmy Awards as well as so many more for each and every book he has written. On top of that, he might just be the most influential person for his outstanding writing.

In conclusion, this article shows how much of an amazing person Dr. Seuss was. How he taught so many people how to read through his books, also influencing a lot of today's writers. Sadly, he passed away on 1991, but his legacy will live on forever, just like all of his books.

"Don't cry because it's over: Smile because it happened." -Dr. Seuss



# From Air Pollution to Ink

# By Genevieve Maddox

n the world there are many "evil" things. Sometimes people need reassurance that good is still evident. Air pollution is one of those "evil" things. Air pollution is the cause of lung failure and death in many individ

things. Air pollution is the cause of lung failure and death in many individuals. Because this problem is so severe, people wonder... "Will anyone solve this issue?" Well, Anirudh Sharma and the staff of Graviky Labs have faced this dilemma and created a way to gather pollution for another reason. To make ink. Air-Ink.

#### The Discovery of Air-Ink

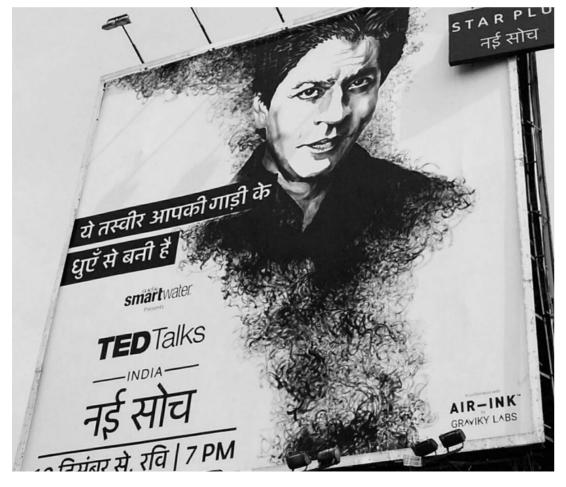
Sharma was walking out of a conference in India when he noticed black smoke emitting from some pipes. He walked closer and started to spot black particles appearing on his white shirt. After pondering why this happened and testing some theories, Sharma concluded that air pollution can be transferred into black ink. Capturing this pollution is not an easy feat, but after some trial runs of KAALINK, pollution is becoming easier to collect. KAALINK is used to catch specific matter that is emitted from direct sources of pollution. After being gathered, the pollution undergoes different processes to ensure safety of the final product. In the final stage, the now-carbon is taken into other processes to create other types of inks/paints.



A set of markers made with Air-Ink.

#### **Inspiring Others**

This ink inspires others to face pollution and create new ideas to help the world. Sharma has explained that he also collaborates with artists and printing companies "to make carbon-negative prints with a high degree of 'carbon impact' on the environment". In fact, in New Delhi and Mumbai there are a total of four handmade OOH Posters of Shahrukh Khan that say "Painted with Pollution". Not only does Graviky labs print and paint, they also do body art, sketching, and clothing printing. Tiger Beer also teamed up with Graviky to develop KAALINK and promote it using their delivery trucks. In total, Sharma has worked with 28 artists, 5 inventors, an agency, and clients across 10 countries and 8 time zones.



An OOH Sign painted with Air Pollution.



The mechanism used to capture the pollution in the form of soot called KAALINK.

#### Saving the Environment

Air-Ink is also very conservative. Many people ask if there is any other way to get rid of air pollution; in fact, many think that burying it will work. Pollution has carcinogenic properties, meaning it has the ability to cause cancer. If we leave this pollution unattended, it will float into the respiratory system and cause harm. The pollution that is buried or burned can turn into other types of harmful pollution, so Graviky has created a way to alter this pollution to make ink. Soot is the main result of burning fossil fuels, and this exposure can cause about 20,000 premature deaths per year! Sharma's goal is to use the pollution to replace the carbon black that would have been used to make ink and prevent people from further damage.

In conclusion, Anirudh Sharma has shown people that if you look hard enough, you can see the positivity surrounding us. Graviky Labs also exhibits the very idea that anyone can help the world. No matter who you are, you can be an influencer. Just one step at a time.

# **The Fight Against Nature**

## Introduction

Imagine your city being covered with water and your life is in danger. Would you survive? That is what victims of Hurricane Harvey asked themselves during the monstrous storm. Luckily for them, the Hurricane Harvey Fund stepped in. The Hurricane Harvey Fund is a foundation that helps the victims of a horrible hurricane. They do so by getting donations from people who were willing to help. In some cases, people go to the disaster sites to help others who are stuck or lost and get them evacuated. These volunteers spend their time, money, and effort to help a community that was destroyed by a storm.

## The Effects of the Hurricane

The Hurricane Harvey Fund helps people get back on their feet after Hurricane Harvey. During the hurricane, people's houses flooded. They were forced to evacuate, leave their possessions behind, and the local economy was badly hurt. By: Nick Martin

After all the damage was done, 14,900 people had to move and over a million vehicles were damaged beyond repair. The Hurricane Harvey Fund gave Houston millions of dollars for all of the damages that the hurricane made. About 1/3 of Houston was underwater and most of the people were evacuated.

## The Effects of the Fund

After a year of helping the suffering victims, the Hurricane Harvey Fund has showed a grand amount of charity and helped a lot of people out who were hit by the storm. The Fund was very helpful towards the citizens and they started to help Houston rebuild. They have donated millions of dollars, lots of resources, and help from volunteers to the victims. The foundation has given so much to the community through the community. The victims are slowly, but surely, getting back on their feet. The Fund has shown good in the world and helped a lot of people.

## The Community Help

The hurricane caused a lot of suffering. Homes were destroyed by massive amounts of rain and flooding that ultimately added up to billions of dollars in damage. A lot of people died and many more were in grief. The Fund took action and started to reduce the suffering. The Fund gave to the people and changed their lives through donations and projects to rebuilt homes. The unbelievable damage and cost was reduced by the Fund and now more people have started to do the same. There were many



community donations; the donations resulted in less suffering and happier people.

## Conclusion

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These volunteers are helping victims out of the watery wasteland

# **Ruthless**

For many years, women were unequal to men. This changed due to the Women's Rights Movement. Many women emerged as heroes in the fight for gender equality. Current Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is one of them.



Throughout her career, Ruth Bader Ginsburg has been a prominent figure in the legal field of the Women's Rights Movement. Ginsburg took six landmark gender discrimination cases to the Supreme Court as an attorney. Astonishingly, she won five out of the six. One case, in 1973, entailed the story of a woman in the military who applied for a dependent's allowance for her husband. Her application was promptly denied. It was difficult at the time to classify a man as dependent. Having this standard enforced further encouraged the harmful stereotype that women must always rely on their husbands' wages. This matter was taken to court, and with Ginsburg as her attorney, the case was won and her husband was given his dependent's allowance. Her ambition to protect the rights of others is *undeniably* something to look up to.

# "Fight for the things that you care others to

# Social Media Phenomenon

In the past few years, Ruth Bader Ginsburg gained internet fame. Some are even calling her a pop culture icon. Her popularity has skyrocketed since the blog "Notorious RBG", a pun on rapper Notorious BIG's name, surfaced online. People couldn't get enough of her strong willed, even sassy personality and hunger for justice in the American legal system. Merchandise was sold, countless posts worshipping her were made. Additionally, a book was released with the same name as the famous blog detailing her life story and her greatest achievements.



# about, but do it in a way that will lead join you."

Ginsburg's appointment to the Supreme Court in 1993 was a crucial step in the fight for gender equality. She was the second woman, and the first Jewish woman to serve on the Supreme Court. In her third year in office, she wrote the Supreme Court decision that prevented the Virginia Military Institute from refusing to admit women. "There are women who are ready and willing and able to undergo the tough training at VMI and they want that opportunity." she said. Doing so showed the world that women could be just as strong in the military. She also won the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall award while in the Supreme Court for her astounding work in the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Rights Movement.

Time and time again, Ginsburg has shown the world her potential and work ethic, especially with her work in the Women's Rights Movement. Her career is at the head of an undeniably large and powerful wave of activism. For that, she is a hero.

# **Billie Jean King** The Women That Changed The Game of Tennis

#### **By: Julia Mohunthan**

hen you think of the best women tennis players that ever lived who do you think of? Venus Williams, Maria Sharapova, or Serena

Williams, well one person you should never leave out of this list is Billie Jean King. A women that has virtually defined professional women sports

and tennis in general. In addition to championing social movements from women's equality to gay rights.

#### Women's Rights

Billie changed the standard that limited women. Most thought women should just support their husband in the sidelines. Billie questioned this. If a

the right to say that they were not going to be better than a man? Billie grew up with a very athletic family which highly ranked in their sports. Her brother was an excellent baseball player, who later went into the major leagues. In her household, sports was not something that was taken lightly. Billie started to fight for women's rights at the age of 12, making the tennis court her platform. Before Billie emerged into the picture, everyone thought that girls should play "girl sports" rather than "boy sports." Even her parents didn't want her to play a "boy sport." At this time the only way to get respect was to earn it and that



is exactly what Billie set out to accomplish. On September 20, 1973, Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in the Houston Astrodome. This was the game that reserved her spot on the tennis court. Bobby Riggs was a well-known tennis Billie to a match. This game of tennis was publicized as the "Battle of the Sexes." It was the most viewed tennis match ever to be played to this day. King not only beat Riggs but beat Riggs by almost double his score. She is the reason the Women's Tennis Association was created.

#### **Equal pay**

Billie Jean King was also the first female athlete to make more than \$1000 for each game played, setting the standard for women's pay in sports. She believed that if a person .does the same amount of work, then they should get paid the same amount of money. She soon announced the slogan *"Equal play, equal pay."* Today, in the game of tennis women are paid as much as men, maybe even more.

#### **Changing Perspective**

Billie not only opened the door for gender equality, but also for gay rights. Billie was one of the first athletes to come out as gay. Being gay was not something that was lightly at this time. Her coming out was something that caused a huge commotion. It wasn't just a social issue, it was an legal issue. King was having an affair with Marilyn Barnett, and it threatened her career because of legal limitations. She grew up in a homophobic family, making the issue of Billie being gay not only a problem in the public but also at home. Even though King's decision to be gay was not supported by her parents they soon accepted the fact. In many interviews she admits that she did not feel comfortable being gay until the age of 51, and that is only after years of therapy. Billie set out to open the eyes of the people around her, and she eventually did. She opened the way for the incoming gay athletes extending the minds of her fellow players and community.

#### **Fighting For All Rights**

Billie also fought for equal rights with racism, gender discrimination, LGBTQ prejudice, and more. She believed everyone was created to be equal and that there was no such thing as a higher status. "At 12 years old, I was daydreaming about my little tiny universe of tennis, and I thought to myself: 'Everybody's wearing white shoes, white socks, white clothes, playing with white tennis balls, and everybody who plays is white. Where is everybody else?"' Billie was a recipient of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award. Arthur was Billie's friend and together they worked hard for racial and gender equality. Billie Jean even sported an afro in her 1975 Wimbledon singles win to show her fight for racism. At a young age she recognized that being prejudice was not something that she would abide by even when everyone around her followed this statuesque.

Billie Jean King is a teacher to everyone. She influences many people all over the world with her sense of competitiveness and determination. Teaching the world that everyone should be treated equally whether it is dealing with tennis or pay. Billie realized the problems in the world ahead of time and she did everything in her power to change the stereotypes and the assumptions. She has helped everyone in her community by fighting for her rights and sticking by her morals. Opening the eyes of not only the people that didn't believe in her but also the people that did.



This is Billie Jean King after she won The Battle Of The Sexes

An Inspiration To All

The strongest weapon against hateful speech is more speech." An inspirational leader has the power to shift mindsets, to motivate and hearten. Barack Hussein Obama II models this behavior through his actions and integrity. Always calm and considerate, he chooses his words meticulously. He helped millions of people both through his community organizing and through his deeds as President. Even without recognition and accolades, he helps others and simply does the right thing. When someone insults him, he doesn't strike back or lash out. He remains calm and disproves their claims with facts and logic. Whenever he speaks, people can rest easy, knowing that Obama is a visionary – he will tap into the passion of his constituents, lead with diplomacy and do the right thing for humankind.

#### INSPIRATIONAL

Obama sought and succeeded in inspiring people; this single accomplishment won him the presidency in 2008. He rose through the chain of politics as a minority in a country that discriminates. Obama's story is one of an underdog. He didn't live in poverty, but he didn't live lavishly; he has even admitted to using cocaine and marijuana. His parents divorced and he didn't have a particularly amazing childhood. He eventually made it to Columbia University where he received a degree in Political Science. Ultimately, he decided to study law at Harvard where he also met his future wife. Obama and Michelle moved to Chicago after graduation, and Obama was elected senator of Illinois in 1997. Some of his focuses as senator included placing certain restrictions on lobbying and improving infrastructure. It is Obama's time as a senator in Illinois that brought him recognition. People started to pay attention to what he said. He served two successful terms as a U.S. senator.

### PRESIDENCY

Obama then decided to run for President. After a tumultuous campaign, he arrived at the White House, where he would make history becoming the first black president of the United States. This accomplishment inspired a great many people. Obama worked tirelessly to get to the White House by traveling the country, tapping into social media in a way that no one ever had, organizing volunteers throughout the country where young people and minorities canvassed for him door to door, and text to text. He was able to identify with the younger generation using platforms like Twitter and Instagram. People wanted - and most still do - change. The results of the 2008 election revealed that one-third of voters were from an ethnic minority group. He proved with his calm demeanor, honesty and integrity, that politics didn't have to be a dirty game, but rather a tool for the people.

Obama is the epitome of restraint. He prevented any major wars or issues from escalating. He maintained a sense of stability in the country. For example, instead of going on the offensive during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars like many wanted, he showed restraint and pulled many troops out of the Middle East. A Washington Post article states, "This more restrained policy was broadly welcomed by U.S. allies and friends abroad. Favorable view of America's role in the world rose sharply, and generally remained there for the duration of his presidency."

#### HELPING

He didn't just help on the war front, Obama massively improved conditions in the U.S. As a result of the war Bush got us into, many nations started to discount the U.S. as a world leader. Many European nations were against the war. Obama worked with our global partners, practiced diplomacy, and therefore garnered the respect of those nations once more. He also helped prepare for an imminent crisis, global warming. Obama entered the U.S into the Paris Climate Agreement. He raised awareness of global climate change.

### VIRTUES

Obama teaches many things through his actions and words. He has shown the virtue of integrity and honor. He is a role model and is a perfect example of how one should act. Always collected and calm, he never stoops to name calling or insults. His wife Michelle Obama famously said,

"When they go low, we go high."

He is respectful to all, insightful, funny and erudite. He is someone that I respect and admire. If people could have the integrity of Obama, the world would be an amazing place.



In conclusion, Obama brings out the decency in humanity. Whether it is demonstrating kindness, tolerance, or moral character, Obama is a perfect model of how one should live an honorable, purposeful life imbued with meaning. Obama will always be a symbol of hope and greatness.

By: Luca Montoya

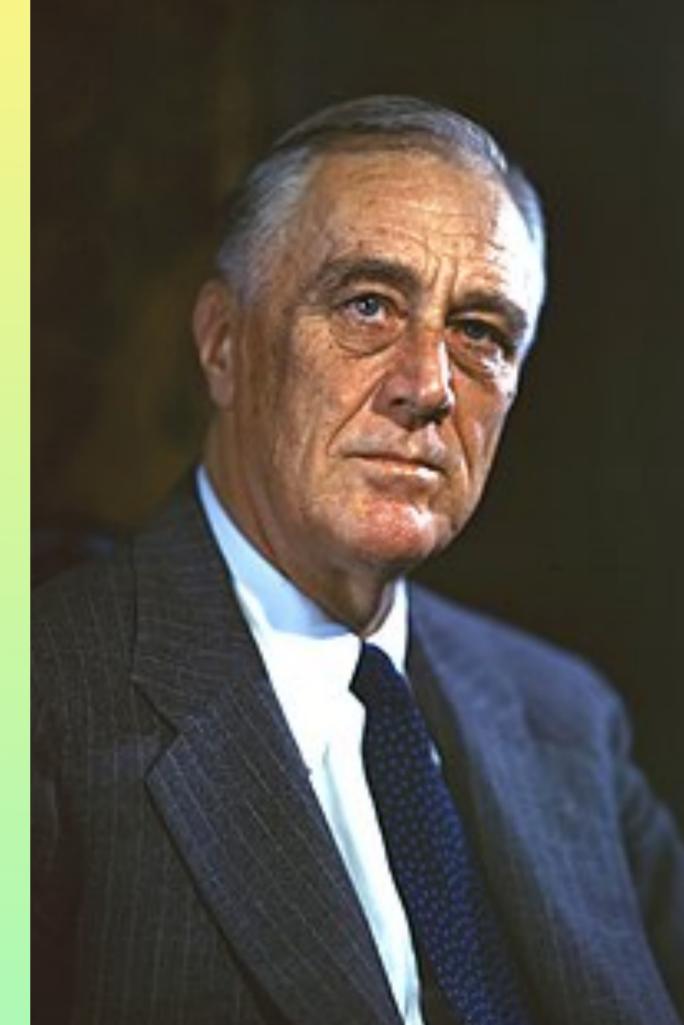


### **Ethan Palosh**

# Presidential Success

Many presidents in our history are considered to be the best. Some examples are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Among them is a man by the name of Franklin Roosevelt. Franklin Roosevelt is a model president of the United States, and truly a good person at heart. His achievements as a citizen and as president reflect someone who cares about his people and the future of his country. He created many programs that helped Americans get jobs when there were none, and recovered our economy from a collapse that threatened the financial future of our country.

Franklin Roosevelt's decisions in office were made for the good of the people. Franklin's previous government experience prepared him well for the problems he faced in office. He created the Social Security Act which established a national system for helping the elderly and people who couldn't work such as people with disabilities. This system has worked so well that most of the it is still in place today. He made the National Youth Association to help people ages 16-25 years old get an education and effectively transfer into the workforce. This program helped over 4.5 million young citizens previously in poverty afford a better education, or find good paying work.





1. Guidebook created by the FHA, 2. Franklin Roosevelt proposing the New Deal.

Franklin Roosevelt helped save America during the economic crisis of the Great Depression. The first thing he did as President was propose the "New Deal". This deal created lots of programs aimed at bringing America back to speed with the rest of the world and out of the crisis of the Great Depression. The Federal Housing Administration encouraged more loans to buy houses and insured those loans so that people with low incomes could easily become stable again. It also extended the time for housing loans from 5-10 years to 20-30. The Federal Emergency Relief Administration helped provide funds for clothing, food, and work for those affected by the Great Depression.



1. The Civilian Conservation Corps build a guardrail at Moran State Park, 2. The CCC Make a telephone line in Fremont National Forest.

Franklin Roosevelt created programs to give people jobs when they were unemployed. Many of the programs he made under the New Deal were created specifically for giving jobs to the unemployed while at the same time improving our country. A great example is the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was created for the purpose of providing work in the natural environment. It was very successful and employed millions of jobless Americans by creating state and national parks like Big Bend and Yellowstone. The CCC also created wildlife refuges, fish-rearing facilities, water storage basins, and animal shelters that we enjoy and use today. The Civil Works Association was a government funded way of giving people work and in its first 2 months, had over 4 million people employed. The worker's achievements included 44,000 miles of new roads, 1,000 new or renovated airports, and 2,000 miles of levees. Franklin Roosevelt re-stabilized the U.S. economy and helped millions of Americans rise out of poverty. In the depths of the greatest financial meltdown in our history, he stepped up to solve the problem. His decisions reflected his care for his country and were made for the purpose of helping his people rise out of confusion, chaos, and homelessness. His actions over his 8 years as President stabilized the country and restored peoples trust in the Federal Government.

## Special Recipe! Fairhaven Fish Chowder

One of Franklin Roosevelt's favorite dishes was fish chowder. Here is a recipe on how to make it:

#### Ingredients:

3lbs. fish (cod, haddock, hake, halibut)

1 quart diced potatoes

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves (optional)

1 tablespoon thyme

1 tablespoon marjoram

1 bay leaf

2 cloves garlic (optional)

1 or 2 onions, chopped (optional)

1/2 lb lean salt pork, diced

1/2 cups canned diced tomatoes

1 tablespoon sage

#### Directions:

1.) In a stockpot or large soup pot, simmer the fish in salted water and cool. Remove skin and bones (if any). Save cooking water and set fish aside.

2.) Boil potatoes which have been peeled and diced into 1/2 inch cubes in the same water that was used for cooking the fish. Watch potatoes carefully and do not overcook or they will become mushy.

3.) Grind or chop the pork using a meat grinder or cleaver (or have the butcher do it). Or, alternatively, slice into 1/4 inch dice using a sharp knife. Sauté pork in a skillet until golden. 4.) Grind or chop onions, garlic and add to pot, continuing to cook for several minutes but do not allow to brown. Add this mixture to potatoes in the stockpot.

5.) Add canned tomatoes (or an equal amount of red-ripe fresh tomatoes may be used - skins removed). Boil 2 minutes, then add the flaked fish. Boil for another 3-4 minutes, and season to taste with salt, pepper, and paprika.

6.) Crumble 5 soda crackers and sprinkle over the chowder just before serving along with a pinch of paprika and/or fresh parsley flakes.

7.) Keep covered with a little water so that it will not boil away. A few slices of lemon may be added.

**Claire Qu** 

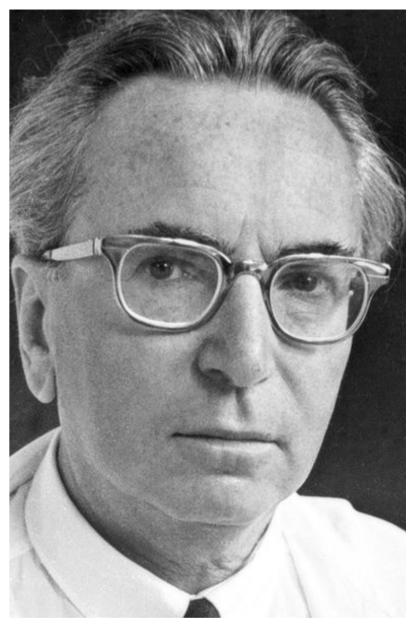
# **Curing the World of Evil Emotions**

World War Two has just ended. You realize how much war has changed you, and how much it has changed the world around you. How could life get any worse? You wonder how much better everything would be if you were happy. A man walks up to you. You have never seen him before, but nevertheless, he sits down next to you, smiling as if you were his old friend. He talks about random things, and he doesn't judge you for crying. He talks about the weather, his family, and his job. He talks about how lucky you and him were, surviving the war and all that. You don't know him, but talking to him makes you feel *happy*. That man would be Viktor Frankl.

#### Saving Jews From Unspeakable Horrors

Being a Jew in Europe was dangerous during World War II. Being a *sick* Jew meant that you were as good as dead. As a Jew himself, Viktor Frankl decided that he would not let a hundred thousand Jews die simply because they weren't considered healthy. Before the war, Frankl worked as a doctor. Once the war started, the Nazis began to round up any Jews who were "unhealthy and unfit". Frankl began to falsely diagnose many Jewish patients to save them from the gas chambers. Because of his efforts, Frankl was able to keep over 100 Jews from dying. Eventually, he was deported along with his family and the rest of the Jewish doctors. During his time in the concentration camps, Frankl was known as an unofficial therapist. He helped many people get through the daily head counts and the hard labor. Frankl would often sit down with other inmates and talk to them about things unrelated to war, so he could get their mind off of the harsh horrors surrounding them. The Holocaust was a very dark time for many people, and Frankl was the light that helped them find a way to continue living.





#### **Inventing Logotherapy**

Not only did Frankl save many from the horrifying gas chambers, he also greatly influenced the world by inventing logotherapy, which is the concept that suffering is meaningful to life. Logotherapy is derived from Frankl's observations of humankind. It taught therapists how to distract the patient's mind with happier thoughts, without parting from the harsh truth. Logotherapy helped many patients understand that their lives were meaningful even though they might be miserable. It also helped many Jews recover from war. Logotherapy encouraged many people to start over with a new life and mindset, even though they had nothing left after the war. Of course, one would expect such a extravagant idea would be met with criticism. Why? People believed that treating terrible issues with more destructive ideas would create a big, emotional mess. Even the most successful psychologists disagreed with the idea of logotherapy. Rollo May, an American psychologist, responded to Frankl's theory: "...there seem to be clear solutions to all problems, which belies the complexity of actual life. It seems that if the patient cannot find his goal, Frankl supplies him with one. This would seem to take over the patient's responsibility and diminish the patient as a person." Eventually, psychologists like May began to realize how useful logotherapy actually was. Logotherapy provided a special way to treat patients with mental illnesses too.

#### **Helping the Less Fortunate**

Frankl's interest in helping others started at a very young age. When he was a student, Frankl began to notice how much the pressures of studying and receiving good marks could affect a

student's mental health. As a result, Frankl created a program to counsel students who had cracked under pressure. The program intended to aid students suffering from depression and personal issues. He was able to stop potential suicides from happening. When the program ended, every student that had participated felt better about themselves and most had overcome their struggles. One student reported that he had "felt better about living in a family with financial problems after Frankl had introduced him to others going through the same things..." After Frankl was liberated, he worked at the Polyclinic Hospital where he helped people recover from traumatic war experiences. He taught at schools and wrote books about logotherapy, life, and depression. Frankl spent most of his life trying to help those who were less fortunate than him.

Throughout his whole life, Frankl was always seeking to help others in need. Even though Frankl was going through hardships of his own, he was still there for those who were dealing with depression and other personal issues. He put his own life on the line in order to save others from dying. Frankl provided light to those trapped in darkness. He dedicated much of his life to provide good for humanity.

"What is to give light must endure burning" – Viktor Frankl



# **Firefighters** BY: REBECCA QUALIZZA

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"Courage is not living without fear, courage is being scared to death, but doing the right thing anyway." -Pinterest. This is what it means to be a firefighter. They risk everything to for their communities. They save homes from being destroyed. They free you the jaws of death when nobody to. Firefighters may be terrified to go

else is willing to. Firefighters may be terrified to ge into a burning building, but do it anyway to rescue their community and the people in it. Firefighters are true heroes.

To begin with, firefighters run into danger and are very selfless. They also risk their lives everyday to help you. There are about 1.2 million firefighters in America. About 1.2 million men and women that aren't afraid to run into the flames and come out carrying someone they've just rescued. In some jobs, employees sit at a desk and work. Firefighters on the other hand, train and rescue people all day. They put their lives in risk constantly. When they enroll in the fire department,

they are agreeing to run into a burning building to save someone. While some firefighters are spraying water outside the burning building, there are other firefighters inside saving pets and people. To them, it doesn't matter if he/ she is breathing in smoke, the only thing that matters is that the people are ok. Chief Edward F. Croker said, *"Firemen are going to get killed. When they* join the department they face that fact. When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished. What he does after that is all in the line of work. They were not thinking of getting killed when they went where death lurked. They went there to put the fire out, and got killed. Firefighters do not regard themselves as heroes because they do what the business requires." This quote is proving that firefighters care about catering to the community's needs more than worrying about themselves.

In addition, firefighters sacrifice their personal lives to protect and save others. In most jobs, people work from 9-5 and then get to go home. They get to see their family and spend time with them, but firefighters don't have normal hours. They have long, hard training and a 56 hour work week for their first six years.



Imagine going to work at 8am and then going home the day at 8am.That's 24 hours without seeing or talking to your family. When firefighters are back at the station, they don't just get to sit around and wait for the next call to come in. They have to wash the truck and perform drills. They also have to work out for 1 hour

everyday. They eat and relax at night, but when the phone rings, they are ready to get on the road. Firefighters sacrifice their time with their families to be there to rescue others.

One day, the city of Chicago decided to put patches of the American flag on the new uniforms. When my grandpa was given his uniform he did not receive an American flag patch. They had run out. He thought that maybe he would just receive a patch the next day, but he never got one. He waited a little more, but then finally he spoke up. He wanted a patch. Refusing to give up, my grandpa went on and on for several days until they finally gave him a patch. Now every firefighter in the city of Chicago must wear a flag on their uniform. My grandpa is an example of a brave person. He was both a firefighter and in the National Guard. He loved being a firefighter and retired after 32 years. He said the hardest part of



Real footage of firefighters on duty.

firefighting was retiring.

Firefighting is a very challenging and exhausting job but very rewarding in the end. Firefighters are heroes because they risk their lives to save others, run into danger, and sacrifice their personal lives to be there for others. Also, firefighters don't keep their jobs for the pay, they choose to be a firefighter to serve and protect their community. We must honor firefighters and their amazing work and dedication.

# *"When a man becomes a fireman his greatest act of bravery has been accomplished."*

#### A Naturalist's Story

By Zachary Raymond

This earth is a garden, this life a banquet, and it's time we realized that it was given to all life, animal and man, to enjoy.

Tom Brown Jr. is an amazing and under appreciated environmentalist. He has written about 25 books, teaching people the error of their ways. He opened a school to educate people about proper living and survival. Above all, he is the epitome of what you would call a good person.

What do you think of when you hear the word nature? Parks and resources? Do you consider it an expendable thing, or do you think of beautiful vistas and forests? Either way, your view on the marvelous thing that is the natural world is limited when compared to that of a man who was trained by a traditional Apache elder. Tom Brown Jr. is a spiritually awake Ed and enlightened being who has spent years at a time alone in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, and he has also survived alone in numerous challenging outdoor environments. In this fast and crazy world, he has been able to slow down and attune with the wilderness. Tom Brown Jr. lives a life reminiscent of the Old Ways. If you did not know, they are the lifestyle and religion of the Native Americans, involving the belief that spirits are in everything, and that the Great Spirit is the creator of them all and sacred. Tom Brown is a man of the wilds. During his time alone in the wilderness, he was taught to respect plants and animals, to take only when necessary, and the misguided nature of the modern way of life. Brown's vision combines the ancient spirituality of the Native Americans with modern care for the environment. The respect that he has for everything that lives is truly humbling.

On top of that, Brown spreads the knowledge that he has gathered over his years with the world through his teaching. In the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, there is the Tom Brown School of Tracking. Despite the name, one does not simply learn how to track animals and humans there, but you learn how to move silently through the forest, mask your presence, and find value in the natural world. In his classes, he teaches many of the lessons that can be found in his numerous books. Some of his books include Tom Brown's Field Guide to Living with the Earth, which teaches self sufficiency, and Tom Brown's the Science and Art of Tracking. Both of these have sold over a million copies. His students have gone on to do great things like writing books too. Student Jon Young wrote a classic nature book of his own, called What the Robin Knows. Anyone and everyone who reads Brown's books will truly have their outlook on life changed forever.



Tom Brown teaching a class

Tom Brown has had many unique experiences in his life, and his exploits are well documented by his books. When he was a teenager had run-ins with a pack of wild dogs that lived in his area of the Pine Barrens. Brown respected them and generally stayed out of their way, as they were very aggressive. One day when Tom was out exploring the woods, the dogs managed to get the jump on him and he was forced to climb a tree and wait them out. For a long time Brown sat in the tree, at first throwing sticks at them try to get them to go away. When they wouldn't, he then reflecting on what had gotten him into the situation. At first he was scared and frustrated with the dogs for doing this to him, but he eventually came to the conclusion that it was his fault he was there, so he would have to bear the consequences of his own escape. When the time was right, he jumped down and threw himself into the river and swam like crazy. Tom supposedly never let his guard down in the woods again and learned to respect the territorial boundaries of animals in the forest. He was taught once again that nature is the best teacher if only one slows down and listens to her teachings.

In conclusion, Tom Brown Jr. is an admirable person and worthy of the highest of praise. In this modern world, few people care about the environment and nature like he does, and even fewer are willing to act on it. He is one of the last of a dying kind, and his teachings educate the people today for the benefit of future generations.

# **SINE QUA NON:**

## **WHY NURSES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY**



**By: Tiffany Samra** 



Do you think you could be a nurse? A simple question, yes, but really ponder it for a moment. Are you willing to spend every day of your life trying to help somebody as much as you can? Trying to help them live another day, witness another blue sky, or observe another ray of

sunshine? Trying to help someone that you didn't know before, but soon get to know everything about? Trying to help an innocent child, who has no idea what has been brought upon him and only wishes to play like all the other children? Trying to be there for someone in the pits of misery, to help them laugh a little laugh, or smile a little smile? Trying to help someone who can't afford medical care but desperately needs it? Trying to help someone who doesn't realize how much love and compassion are behind everything you do for them? Trying to help someone even when you no longer can, even when you've done everything, even after growing so close to them? Once more, do you think you could be a nurse? If you are nodding your head 'yes' right now, then you are truly essential for the good of humanity.



#### **Nurses Promote Healthy Habits**

To begin with, nurses promote healthy habits. In hospitals, they run tests, stitch wounds, analyze treatment, and gather information all for the sake of their patient's health. In their local environment, they teach kids and adults about how to maintain an optimal lifestyle by educating them on hygiene, exercise, nutrition, germs, immunizations, and screening. In addition, they train others in their community on CPR and the heimlich maneuver. According to nursingce.com, nurses impact the lives of others in many different ways in our society. "Even the smallest act on the part of a nurse, such as treating the skinned knee of a small child, can have a ripple effect impacting countless lives over expanses of time."



On a bigger scale, "Nurses volunteer for countless relief organizations, mission trips, and humanitarian endeavors. They also show up in large numbers in response to hurricanes, war, earthquakes, floods, and refugee crises around the globe." Nurses have a critical job in our societies. Only those who are good at heart are up to the task.

#### Nurses Build Caring Relationships

Additionally, nurses build kind and caring relationships with their patients. At the hospital, they not only spend their days monitoring and protecting a patient's health, but also build loving and nurturing bonds with them. Every year, nurses are chosen as "the most trusted professionals in the country" according to the Gallup poll. Nurses work for 8-12 hour shifts, which enables a long period of time to develop relationships with them. Since they tend to have the same patients every day, the patients come to deeply trust in their caretaker. This closeness can, in fact, have a positive impact on the patient's health. According to a study done by Stanford University, and reported by washingtonpost.com, "kind medical care can lead to faster wound healing; reduced pain, anxiety and blood pressure; and shorter hospital stays." A nurse can help patients not only by taking good physical care of them, but also by their positive attitude,



which can be very contagious. Nurses are there for their patients not only in hospitals, but also in schools, the military, and many other places as well. They can work in

different branches, such as neonatal, infectious

disease, oncology, and more. But, no matter where they are, they will always be remembered by the way they treated others-with a selfless heart and a warm smile. According to mystethoscope.com, "Nurses come across a lot of situations - from the precious moment of the birth of a child to even the loss of a near and dear one. They live so many stories and yet amidst everything, they often forget to live for someone their own self."

Nurses are altruistic and beneficial to society. They care for the health of others, are compassionate caretakers to their patients, and even save lives. They are detailed, organized, strong, resilient, patient, observant, critical thinkers, and responsible. They handle great amounts of stress. They are good at heart, not just because of their skills and strengths, but also because of their selflessness, bravery, and perseverance. They are essential for the good of humanity; we need more people like them to balance out the evils of our dark and broken world.



Perhaps the most important reason nurses are good at heart is that nurses save people's lives. My mom,



Sondra Samra, graduated from Baylor University School of Nursing as a registered nurse with a Bachelor in Science and Nursing. She worked as a night nurse at Children's Medical Center of Dallas for 2 years and later worked as a school nurse at Abbett Elementary for 5 years. One day, while working at Abbett, a teacher rushed in one of her third grade students from the cafeteria. The student was choking. Her throat was making a gurgling noise, her breathing was raspy, and her eyes were full of fear. My mom performed the heimlich maneuver several times. Finally, a bite of corn dog shot out of her mouth. The first thing the little girl said was "thank God." Her life was spared, all because of a nurse who cared for her in a difficult situation. I'm sure that neither of them will ever forget that moment when my mom saved



Here she is helping a student at Abbett Elementary

"A hero is someone who is concerned with the well-being of others and keeps going even in the face of fear."

## The MeToo Movement

By Anisha Sheth

"If you have been sexually harassed or assaulted, reply to this tweet with me too." This tweet took the political, economical, and social world by storm. This tweet started a worldwide phenomenon: The MeToo Movement.

In 2006, Tarana Burke, a longtime women's activist, coined the phrase "Me Too" to raise awareness of sexual assault in society. In 2017 actress Alyssa Milano first introduced the hashtag to Twitter, asking victims to reply to the tweet with MeToo. This created a place for victims to share their stories. Many women have come forth with accusations of sexual harassment and assault against men in very powerful positions. This movement has done a lot for women who were afraid to speak up and tell their story.



#### The Truth Comes Out

The MeToo Movement has given people who have been sexually abused the courage to tell their stories. In the past few years, many powerful men have faced serious accusations of sexual harassment and more. One example of a man who was convicted is Harvey Weinstein. More than a dozen women accused him of sexually harassing, assaulting, or raping them. He was then fired and he turned himself in. This happened in 2017 after the MeToo movement started gaining recognition. After the hashtag started to spread, women felt safe



enough to make these allegations. His arrest caused something dubbed the "Weinstein effect." In the first year of the movement, after Weinstein's arrest, at least 425 important people from all industries were accused of sexual misconduct. Many people who had stories of sexual misconduct gained courage and began to tell their stories. *"MeToo is a global community of survivors. It's a mechanism for action, for empowerment through empathy. It's about gaining power from knowing there is someone who gets you."* 

Tarana Burke



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If you've been sexually harassed or assaulted write 'me too' as a reply to this tweet.

Me too.

Suggested by a friend: "If all the women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote 'Me too.' as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem."

## The Tweets and Treats of Social Media

This movement would not have been possible had it not been for social media. Social media has had the most effect throughout the campaign. Even though the phrase was said first in 2006, it really began to boom in 2017 after Alyssa Milano started the hashtag. On Twitter, #MeToo has been used over 19 million times. Most MeToo tweets are about people's personal stories or celebrities stories. Out of 4,000 people in the U.S., almost  $\frac{2}{3}$ , or 65%, of the them see #MeToo posts on a daily basis. Although most of the posts are written in English, 29% of MeToo posts are written in a different language showing that the social media aspect of the movement has not only affected the U.S. but all of the world. Without all the tweets, posts, articles, and more, the movement would not have reached the heights that is has today.

### Taking On The World

Although it started in the U.S, the MeToo Movement has had a positive effect on all corners of the world. After it began to boom in the US, many other countries have adopted the movement. It has now spread to 85 countries in many different variations of the first hashtag. In Japan, it has helped end the cultural silence about abused women. In UK, one out of five women in government have experienced sexual harassment. The hashtag is causing people to gain awareness about these crimes. India is considered one of the most dangerous places for women. Many sexual crimes have been mislabeled as something less serious. Women don't always understand that they are being abused. The movement has opened many eyes to the seriousness of these crimes and



A Dignity March in New Delhi on Feb 22, 2018 to raise awareness for sexual assault survivors

women are now fighting to stop sexual harassment and more. This movement is making its mark on not only America but the whole world.

In conclusion, the MeToo Movement is an epidemic that will bring in a new era for women. It has created a safer environment in workplaces, a place free of discrimination and harassment. It has spread to the whole world and will continue to grow and gain support. The whole world now has access to survivors stories and they are becoming more aware of the state that our world is in. It is inherently good at heart and will make life better for so many people. Winston Churchill is one of the most influential statesmen of the 20th century, as well as one of the most famous Britons of all time. He was wildly renowned for his writing and oratory skills, as well as his leadership during the Second World War. Churchill proved that there is still good in the world, and here's why:

Churchill never gave up, even when he failed at first. He had indomitable willpower, and always kept going. During his youth, Churchill received terrible grades in school, which convinced his father that his son wasn't suited for politics. He enrolled young Churchill into a military career. It took him three tries to get into the Royal Military College, yet he only managed to become part of the Royal Cavalry, which had lower standards than the infantry. During his military career, he was captured in a Boer ambush during the Second Boer War. Incredibly, he managed to crawl out through a window in the POW camp and made his way back to friendly territory. These achievements took an inordinate amount of bravery and effort. "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Churchill was devoted to helping British workers. Churchill cared about the common welfare, even though he came from a noble family and inherited much wealth. He changed Britain back to the gold standard to help the economy. He even switched political parties multiple times because he thought his current party was not truly striving for the working class. He also introduced the first minimum wage in Britain. Churchill was truly a worker's best friend.

## "Never, never, never give up."

# 01 September 1939

Why Winston Churchill

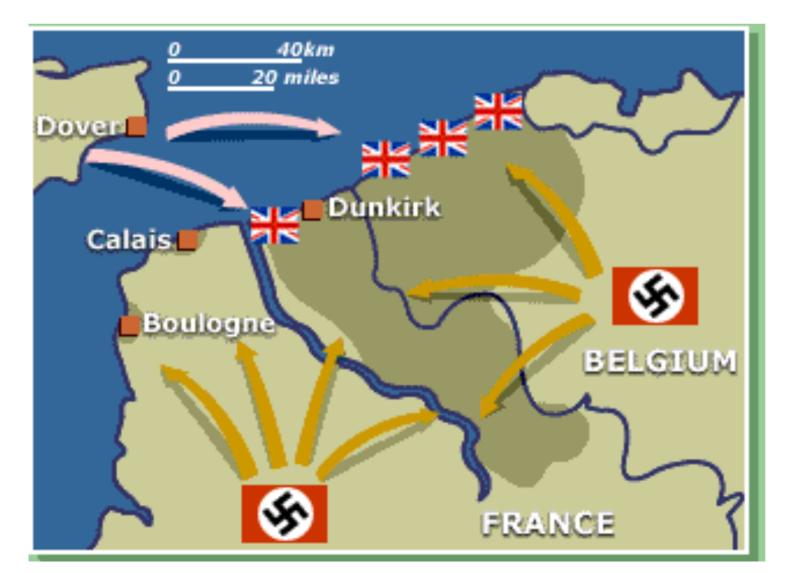
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By Kaya Sims

Last but not least, what truly made Winston Churchill a hero? His inspiring leadership during World War II. Churchill had warned about the rise of Hitler long before the war had even started. France fell to the Third Reich and the Allied Forces became encircled in the port of Dunkirk, but thanks to Churchill's leadership, the United Kingdom refused to surrender. Churchill then made his most famous speech, declaring "... We'll fight them on the beaches, we'll fight them on the landings, we shall never surrender!". Thanks to his efforts, Britain continued the fight until the USA and the Soviet Union joined the war against Germany. Had anyone else been Prime Minister at the time, the UK may have surrendered, and the Axis Powers would surely have won.

Churchill was undoubtedly one of the key figures of the 1900s, always fighting for the less fortunate and the democratic way of life. He and Britain are the true, unspoken heroes of the Second World War, and gleaming symbols of good in the world. Good in the world is hard to find, but Winston Churchill proves it exists.



Allied positions during Dunkirk, aka Operation Dynamo

## Love for Lives

#### By Iris Song

eople never knew kittens could fall 45 ft down a well and survive for five days. No one ever thought of the hundreds and thousands of animals born under crates, in the bushes, and even under shipping containers, while each day increases their risks of death. Too absorbed in political or personal affairs, the world is giving way to selfishness, becoming naïve in situations regarding lives of others. Society is not heartless, but they lack the knowledge concerning the wrong that can be corrected. Therefore, it is limited to the few people who step up, spreading word of these cruelties and problems. Hope for Paws, a non-profit animal rescue organization, is an outstanding example of these good-doers. Located in San Francisco, they help diminish the number of abandoned strays daily. Controversial to common beliefs, Hope for Paws volunteers to risk their lives for deserving yet neglected animals. They take advantage of social media and technology to spread awareness - or knowledge - of animal welfare, and the purpose for their actions go beyond.

#### Influence

While many would, as a bystander of animal abandonment and abuse, consider these suffering creatures none of their business, Hope for Paws always step up to save them without a moment's hesitation. Thousands of miles or the toughest terrain will not stop them, as they venture out into deserts, crawl in caves, or fly across the sea to give to animals what they deserve from humans. They place the lives of animals before theirs, sometimes going to extreme measures and putting their own selves in danger. Eldad Hagar, founder of Hope for Paws, once crawled 18 feet into a cave to save 9 puppies whose mother had gone missing. He also stopped cars on a highway, in order to get across and rescue an abandoned kitten stranded on the shoulder of the road. Their actions were life risking but the right thing to do."We tend to rescue the most miserable dogs who need a lot of help," claimed Eldad Hagar. He and his team would do things differently for the sake of others, and do things that influence others to do the right thing regardless of the public. It is not a matter of result, but the determination, effort, and love put in, that really makes Hope for Paws a model to look up to and follow in their steps of doing good in the world.



#### **Use of Power**

With knowledge comes power, and despite the advancement of technology and education, humans are straying from the real purpose of power. Power can change, destroy, and save, but only with understanding. If society is blind to catastrophes occurring everyday, no amount of power is effective. Thanks to Hope for Paws expert use of technology, people are realizing the dangers and suffering that lay right beneath their noses. Eldad Hagar could not have done better by posting his rescue missions on YouTube, displaying the terrible lives of homeless animals and the huge difference we can make in their lives.

Their use of technology also opens up a new door to social media use, bringing out another side of communication with the public in a more engaging and convincing way. Through their videos, the hundreds of rescued dogs and other animals can touch the hearts of viewers, opening their eyes to the horrors of what humans can do to these helpless creatures, thus enforcing change. Eldad Hagar said, "With our videos, we've inspired a lot of people to take action and save animals, so we helped these animals indirectly." Before the videos, people only see a stray wandering around, scouring for food.

Now they see the thousands of ticks and fleas embedded in the fur, the limp which symbolizes a broken leg, and the desperateness for love and kindness. Food was left out, and shelters were built. Attempts for rescues increased drastically. No good action from the heart can be done without awareness of it first, and Hope for Paws does a good job in raising awareness of animal welfare and influencing others to also step up and take action.

#### **Acts of Love**

Hope for Paws is founded on love and



Hope for Paws rescue transformation

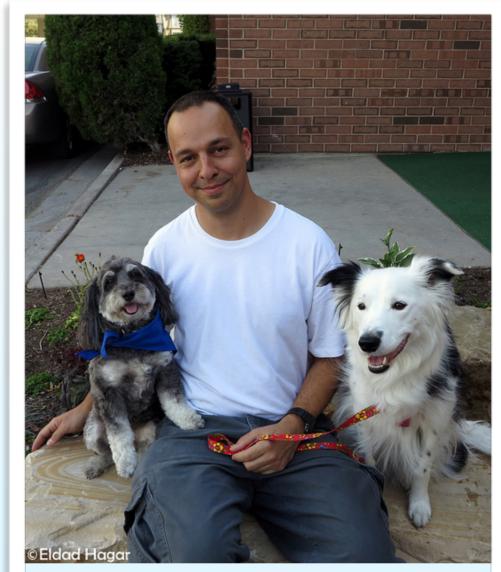
care, which is something many take for granted. Anyone could save the lives of animals, as long as money could afford it. Hope for Paws wants to save more than just lives - but how? Even when an animal is on the brink of death, they will do all they can to provide a peaceful death in comfort, letting the animals know that they are loved and cared about. In the case of Dennis, an abandoned pit bull found suffering on the streets was so malnourished that he did not survive even after medications. Yet, hours before he died, he received all the love Hope for Paws members could have given, and all the sadness his passing deserved. Naturally, his video resulted in wet eyes and

broken hearts. Hope for Paws acts completely out of love, not just recognition. Every dog Eldad Hagar (right) with or cat undergoes a warm bath with disinfecting soap after rescue, and hours are spent his dogs picking off fleas or ticks. Thousands of dollars are never held back for a surgery, nor is time spent bonding and building trust with an animal. According to Eldad Hagar,

"The most rewarding is seeing the transformation of the animals from at their worst to at their best, then finding them amazing homes." Hope for Paws' astounding care can impact other fellow human beings in the same way, persuading more and more people to do good by contributing to a good cause.

Overall, Hope for Paws is a clear model of those that do good in the world. Unfortunately, many good deeds go by unrecognized, which is why Hope for Paws shares through their rescue missions how people can do good anyplace, anytime, and when each and every person are doing good things, the drastic change would be impossible to miss. Furthermore, they influence others to act from the heart, instead of for personal gain. By stepping up and doing what is right than what is different, Hope for Paws portrays the image of a hero for others to look up to: one who comes together peacefully with pure intentions to enforce a better world.

Hope for Paws members picking off fleas and ticks





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## Oracle of Omaha

#### **By: Michael Taylor**

#### The Beginning

Somewhere in Omaha Nebraska, an eleven year old boy made his first purchase on the stock market not realizing that this was his first step to become one of the richest people in the world. Seventy-seven years later, his story is known across the world and everybody knows what he has accomplished.

#### **Changing how Philanthropy is Done**

On June 20th, 2010, Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates created The Giving Pledge. It is a moral pledge asking wealthy people to give away at least half of their money throughout their life to philanthropy. He managed to collect 40 signatures with a combined net worth of 125 billion dollars at the start of the fundraiser. As of 2019, there are now 187 signatures that add to a total of 365 billion dollars, all promising to give their money away to charities of their choice.



As a result, Warren Buffet has donated tens of billions to charities across the world.

#### **Trusting Others**

Warren always knew that he wanted to give back his money to society, but with the death of his wife, Susie, he didn't know how to do that. On June 25th, 2006 Warren Buffett donated 31 billion dollars to the Gates Foundation. He may have not known what to do with his money, but he trusted his friends, Bill and Melinda Gates, that they knew what to do. Now with Buffett's donation, the Gates Foundation can more than double their value. They will continue to help the developing world and try to prevent the "big three" infectious diseases - malaria, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis, from spreading. Not only do they give out these vaccines, but they are also researching vaccines that do not have to be refrigerated. Not to mention that he has also donated 6 billion dollars more to other family owned charities. He has help prevent infectious diseases from spreading throughout the developing world.

"The big question about how people behave is whether they've got an Inner Scorecard or an Outer Scorecard. It helps if you can be satisfied with an Inner Scorecard."

#### -Warren Buffett

#### A Role Model for the World

Warren Buffett bought his first house in 1958 for 31,000 dollars. Since then, he has always lived there. Everyday, Buffett drives to work and stops by the McDonalds on the way to get breakfast. He asks himself which of three options he feels like: two sausage patties, sausages eggs and cheese, or a bacon egg and cheese biscuit. He never spends more than \$3.17 on breakfast and always has the exact change.

Why? Because that's what makes him happy. He doesn't care about what others think of him. He does things that make him feel happy. He is and always has been very frugal with his money. He spends it on things that bring him joy, like donating money to a cause where he knows he will be helping the less fortunate. He is a role model to everyone on how to live a happy life from eating a McDonald breakfast every morning to donation billions of dollars to charity.

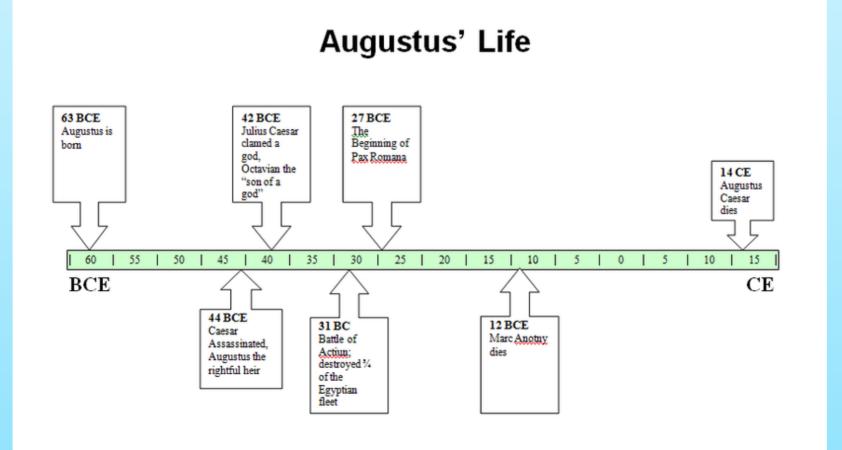
#### His Mark on the World

The good-hearted people in the world aren't defined by their job, rather they are defined by what they do out of the kindness of their heart. Warren Buffett has changed and shaped the idea of philanthropy for years to come. With the title of the largest donator of all time, co-starter of an organization pledged to donate billions upon billions of dollars to charities, and the fact that he is known as such an easy going person, Warren Buffett has truly left his mark on the world and will be known for his philanthropy and his amazing investing career.

## The Wonders of Augustus Caesar; By Elena Terrazas

Augustus Caesar is a well-known icon. He may not be as famous as his great uncle, Julius Caesar, but he still has a good reputation. Most people only know about his military achievements, but he did so much more in this world, and they need to be recognized.

Augustus was born on September 23, 63 BCE to Atia Balba Caesonia and Gaius Octavius the fourth. Atia is the daughter of Julia Caesar and Marcus Atius. Gaius Octavius the fourth is the son of Gaius Octavius the third and Aurelia Cotta. Gaius the fourth was a senator and governor before he died. He died in 59 BCE when Augustus was only four years old. Augustus had two older sisters: Octavia the younger and Octavia the Elder. Octavia the elder is his half sister, where Octavia the younger is his biological sister. His grandmother, Julia, died when he was 12 years old and he delivered a speech at her funeral. Augustus and Julia were very close because, when Augustus's father died she helped raise him.



When Julius Caesar was murdered on March 15, 44 BCE, Augustus was only 17 or 18 years old. He found out that Julius had adopted him in his will and made him his heir. Julius made Augustus his heir when Augustus came to Hispania to fight with him. Augustus ended up shipwrecked and had to cross Hispania to find his great uncle. Julius was so impressed by this, that he made him his adopted son, therefore making him his heir. Julius's chief lieutenant, Mark Antony, wanted to be heir. When he heard that Augustus was next in line he was furious. He refused to give Augustus his uncle's funds. Augustus and the senators that supported him eventually had to pay to get the funds from Antony.



Many people look up to Augustus Caesar because of his military achievements, infrastructure achievements, and his lasting mark on the world.

First, many people look up to Augustus Caesar because of his military achievements. He was able to grow his army to an enormous size. What helped Augustus make his army so big was the Battle of Actium. Augustus ended up beating Antony and Cleopatra, who had teamed up. He gained Cleopatra's treasure. He also gained 60-70 legions and 900 warships. He decided to discharged all of his legions except for 26. To add to his legions and warship he also had 150,000 legionaries and auxiliaries. Augustus set up two main Navy bases, one at Misenum bay of Naples and one at Ravenna along Adriatic. He also had two smaller bases in Forum Juli and in Southern France. He created the Praetorian Guard, which is an elite group that was assigned to protect the emperor. Augustus also paid his soldiers for their service. Since he paid his soldiers, they were more loyal to him and were less likely to quit. Rome expanded greatly because of Augustus. He added Egypt, Northern Spain, Alpine lands, Raetia, Noricum, Pannonia, Moesia, Galatia, Paphlagonia, and parts of Pontus. "I found

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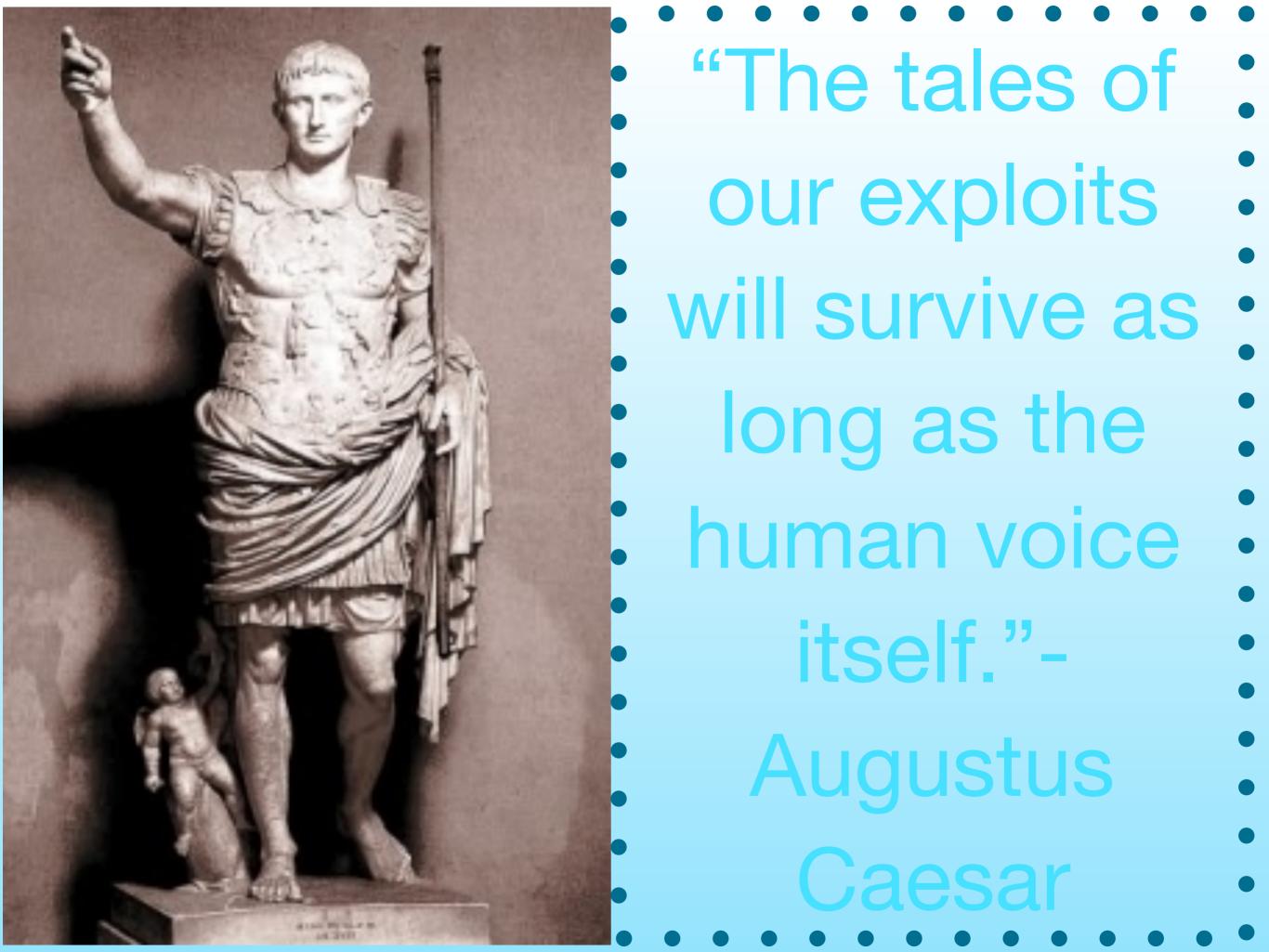
• Augustus In addition to his military achievements, Augustus also created

- amazing infrastructures. Augustus created Rome's first police
- department, fire department, and postal service. The police and fire
- department allowed for citizens to feel and be safe in their community.
   He invested in roads to expand them, and made sure that his citizens
- had smooth roads. He also invested in aqueducts and sewage
- systems. They helped the community by having a place to store all of their sewage. He had some of the most famous and recognizable
- buildings built in Rome. He made sure that most of the temples were

 in pristine condition and if they weren't he had them repaired. He gave money to the citizens of Rome to spend as they please. He improved

Rome to what it is today. If he hadn't put all of this time into Rome, who would have? He made it his priority that Rome was one of the most beautiful cities of it's time, and that his citizens had the best he could offer.

Augustus left a lasting mark on this world. Not many people know that Augustus was an author and a poet. He had such a lasting impact on Rome that they named an entire age after him. Many of the senators that worked with him said that he was a lot like his uncle, like a god. I think that people respected Augustus more because of what changes he made for the people. Pax Romana, which was a period of time when Rome was at peace, was caused by him. It was one of the few times that Rome was at peace, and it was when Rome had just experienced a civil unrest and was still a fairly new empire. He is a patron of arts and culture. How amazing is that? All of the amazing statues that he had built allowed him to be a patron. On top of all of that he was a very successful political operator. He did so many other amazing things than just being a great military leader



#### **Elon Musk**

## A FUTURISTIC THINKER

#### By Nishant Vadodaria

- The Steve Jobs of today
- The most creative thinker
- He who does not tackle problems, but instead punches them right in the face



The Tesla Roadster is the quickest road-legal car ever

The scene outside the window is stunning. The beautiful mountains with the blinding white

caps at the top, and the lethargic river reflecting the warm sunlight. All these amazing sights take your eyes off the road. Only for half a second. A car horn blares, waking you from your daydream. You see a minivan approaching fast and your heart races. You brace for impact when your car suddenly stops. By itself. Your foot is still on the accelerator. Silently, you thank the stars for your investment in Tesla.

Tesla is one of the fastest growing car manufacturers worldwide. The American startup has spread to 25 countries in just 4 years, selling over 360,000 cars. You may be thinking: So what? Well here's what: the Model S is the safest car on the market. Released in 2015, it's the most reliable electric sedan clocking in at least 265 miles on a full charge. The Model S comes with the first ever autonomous driving software. With the click of a button, the car will take over so you can sit back and relax. Finally, the Model S accelerates from 0-60 in just 2.28 seconds making it one of the quickest road-legal cars.

Before its release, people were skeptical about how well the Teslas would work. When customers got a free test drive at its launch event, all the reviews were positive. Tesla had far exceeded expectation. This startup has

saved lives, and produced some of the coolest American cars in a long while. Elon Musk leads the expedition. The brains, the innovation, and the future. That's Elon Musk. Tesla has expanded in its four years, releasing three other cars: the Model X, the Model 3, and the Model Y. The Model X is the classic family car. It can seat up to seven grown men. It sports fancy falcon wing doors and a sleek body. The Model 3 is a smaller compact car that retains the same amount of inside space as the Model S. The Model Y is set to come out later this year as a more compact Model X. Both cars are cost low at around \$30,000.



Formula E is the first electric racing series. From it's beginning in 2014, Formula E is the fastest growing form of Motorsport. Out of its 11 teams, 9 are manufactures that have produced electric road cars. "You want to wake up in the morning and think the future is going to be great - and that's what being a spacefaring civilization is all about. It's about believing in the future and thinking that the future will be better than the past. And I can't think of anything more exciting than going out there and being among the stars."

Space is the final frontier. Elon Musk is working to explore it with the SpaceX company. A company that has created reusable and powerful rockets. A company with clear ideas for the future. The Falcon Heavy is one such rocket. It boasted three powerful boosters that sent it up to over 300mph. These boosters did something quite different when falling back towards Earth. Two of them autonomously landed on each of the two landing pads in Cape Canaveral. The third landed safely on a autonomous boat floating out in the Atlantic. The incredible recovery of these rockets saved SpaceX over \$60 million. This innovative method saves loads of time. SpaceX plans to launch 46 rockets this year. NASA launched an average of 3 per year. SpaceX is currently working on a form of travel that can get humans to Mars with the estimated time of delivery being 2024.

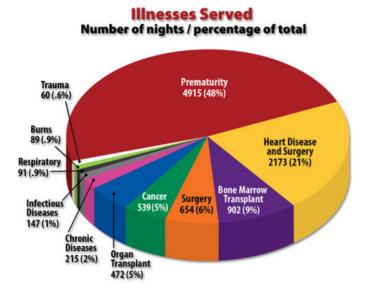






Elon Musk has got money. Tons of it. However he makes sure this wealth gets to organizations and companies that are intent on the future. The future of space, travel, and education. One such organization has been donating money to companies that are working on technology that can teach the whole globe. Whether you are from the sandy streets of Sudan, or the busy bayside of Bengal, XPRIZE believes everyone can learn the basics in literature, math and science. XPRIZE has donated over \$100 billion through its Global Learning platform towards improving worldwide education. Elon Musk is responsible for \$15 million of that. He is changing the world, but he's using his money as an asset. Not a desire.

Elon Musk is changing the world for the better. He's making strides in new technology and taking care of the next generation. Next thing you know, YOU could be on Mars.



## How the RMHC Helps Families By Jonah Vogel

When family members are sick the family hardly wants to think about a place to stay. Especially if they can't afford to stay at a hotel. A solution to the dilemma is the Ronald McDonald Charity (also known as RMHC). RMHC is a organization that gives families a place to stay near hospitals. RMHC has 365 buildings throughout the world meaning there's likely one where families need to stay. RMHC is a organization that provides a good example that there is still good in the world.

RMHC keeps families together and prevents tearing of families by distance. Family members often make many trips to and from the hospital. These family members need a place for them or their families to stay. The Ronald McDonald House is a place for families to stay when their family members are ill or have a condition that requires monitoring and treatment. RMHC has helped 100,000 families since it was created, and it houses 260 families per night.



The Ronald McDonald House encourages kindness by getting people to go to their buildings and volunteer, or donate online. The Ronald McDonald House requests that volunteers come in and do chores. Volunteers help by cooking meals for the cafeteria, cleaning rooms, and doing other tasks required to make the living spaces desirable. Volunteers also roll hospital carts down the hallway with toys for the children staying in the hospital. People can donate to the RMHC online to fund their efforts in assisting guests, and further bringing kindness out of people by having them donate. Guests are expected to donate 25 dollars per day, but no family is expected to pay what they can't afford. For all of these reasons RMHC proves there is still good in the world.

There are specific cases where kids are born with permanent health issues. These kids would have an easier time in hospitals near RMHC. RMHC helps families with children who have special issues that require special care, so children with certain types of paralysis or motor disabilities. These families have to spend long periods of time in hospitals and need a place for their families to stay. For all of these reasons RMHC proves there is still good in the world.

RMHC gets most of its funding from donations. About 20 percent comes from McDonald's restaurants. RMHC is a nonprofit organization that raises money to run their locations and support the guests. Sometimes RMHC holds special events for the children staying there.

RMHC helps countless families in need of a place to stay, and the volunteers support the guests as well. The charity is especially helpful to families with special needs children. RMHC is a good example that there is still good in the world.



# The Impact of Dennis Gabor

By Ava Wilson

**Dennis Gabor** was awarded with the Nobel Prize for Physics for inventing the hologram. However, Dennis has not only earned a Physics Nobel prize due to his hologram over the years, but other organizations and people like Tupac, Apple, and Samsung have evolved pleasantly because of the hologram. Dennis Gabor has positively affected security details, advertising, and the action of storing important historical events through his holograms. Furthermore, Dennis has helped people through his his holograms and continue to affect people today.

#### Advertising

Dennis Dennis Gabor evolved advertising to a new level with holograms. According to Kate Lillington from The Irish Times," With nearly 80 percent of sales accounted for by impulse purchases.." It states, "Point-of-sale campaigns are the most effective approach. Holograms are unique and quite magical." In other words, holograms have the extra oomph that makes it stand out from the crowd, effecting 80 percent of the consumer market where holograms are concerned. When people see a hologram and are persuaded to buy what is being advertised by the machine, Dennis has indirectly helped an organization obtain higher profits. For example, "So many people stopped on Oxford Street to sway back and forth and watch a giant holographic camera phone flip over and open, that the police had to be called in to move

the crowds along." On the contrary, no <u>2D</u> commercials about a camera phone ever involved the police having to intervene, has their? holograms work on consumers by using the 'oomph' they possess to captivate audiences with its 6D features, finally ending up helping companies make better profits. Holograms capture impulse buyers attention by making them mistake the magic of a hologram as the item being projected having the magic. Dennis Gabor brought advertising to a much higher degree of efficiency in enrapturing impulse buyers.

#### Security

Dennis Gabor created a form of security that is used as a top security detail secure authentication software. Holograms continue to this day to safeguard personal data in a passport and on ID cards.

"Holograms for secure authentication still among top document security features" by Thad Rueter from The Secure ID News supports this theory. The article states, "The hologram is still the only technology available today that is able to offer three levels of security- covert, overt, and forensic- in a single solution." Moreover, holograms are one document security features that protect citizens personal information on three different levels.

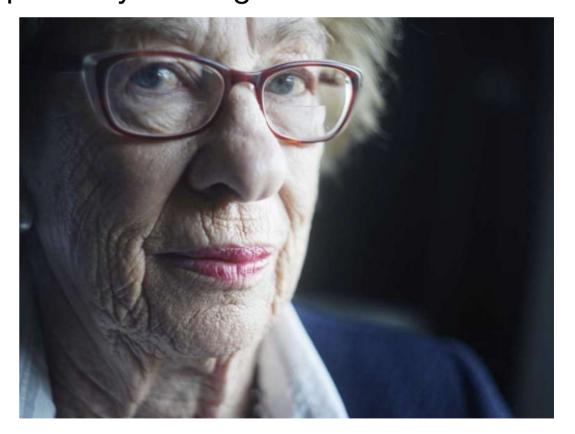


This is an image of Apples

Nevertheless, as other biometric ID systems gain popularity, the holographic technology has still managed to be the most used software by the government, as it depends on such when it comes to securing authentication. Why? The same article states, "Depth and flexibility, Hologram manufacturers constantly watch their market to identify the techniques used by counterfeiters and ensure Holography integrates additional technology solutions to counter them." Furthermore, this shows that while with time comes evolution of the invention, security would not be where it has progressed to today (where people are constantly watching the new holograms made and put out today, for studying purposes) without the help of Dennis Gabor. Additionally, the government would not have their top document security features that currently are in use. All together, Dennis Gabor has contributed to document security authentication largely through his invention, the hologram.

#### Storage

Finally, Dennis Gabor created a way to store information through holograms of people telling what they went through to keep track of history in detail. For example, *Eva Schloss* is a holocaust survivor that joined a project of allowing virtual 'interviews' of her at an exhibit, even when she is long deceased. The aim of the project is to make sure future generations will forever know the truth about what went down between the years 1939 and the year 1945 to make sure that history does not ever repeat itself. In the article, "Exhibit allows virtual 'interviews' with Holocaust survivors" by Karen Matthews, it states details about how holograms will store the information precisely and organized.



This is a picture of Eva Schloss, Holocaust survivor.

Furthermore, holograms will give the interviewer an almost natural conversation with Eva Schloss because of the 6D images portrayed. In spite of the fact, that she will not be there due to becoming deceased or other reasons. The article states, " 'New Dimensions in Testimony' uses hours of recorded high-definition video and language recognition technology to create just that kind of 'interview' with Eva Schloss...material could eventually be presented in a variety of formats including holographic technologies.."t while they are using high definition cameras to make it more lifelike, and they are also using language recognition softwares. Of course, holograms are still the best option for the natural experience they want even though it takes the longest. In addition, Dennis Gabor has impacted the storage of historical information by enabling museums to use holograms of people that can be interviewed in the future. Moreover, holograms will communicate what took place, and can't be swayed by whatever the future generations may speak of.

In conclusion, Dennis Gabor has affected *many* parts of our society, and how we live life today. Dennis Gabor is a do-gooder by creating holograms for people all over the world to use to their advantage and store correct historical info that can never be manipulated. First, Dennis have helped advertisers sell their product to more impulsive buyers and make more profits off of their product through holograms. Second, Dennis Gabor's holograms have aided our government by granting them a high-tech security authentication feature. Lastly, Dennis has shown he is good at heart by helping create a very thorough way to supply prior information through holograms of people telling what they went through to keep track of history in detail. All together, Dennis Gabor has impacted society and specific organizations such as advertising companies, informative historical associations, and even the United States government. Dennis Gabor himself may not have directly helped such specific organizations, but through his holograms, Dennis has helped many people's passwords from being leaked, and also has protected people from identity theft. In this case, Dennis Gabor has shown that he has impacted the world positively and is a do-gooder.

#### The Wish Granter

#### By Logan Wright

#### Who is Frank Shankwitz?

Many people have made a positive impact on the world. They try hard to be successful in what they do. Frank Shankwitz is one of these people. He granted wishes to children who had mental disorders and other diseases. He took the time to help grant more wishes to children in the world. He also founded one of the most successful non-profit organizations in the world.

#### How Make A Wish Got Started.

Frank started showing his care by granting a wish to a kid named Chris Greicius with leukemia. This is before Make A Wish was founded. His wish was to be a highway patrol officer. After that, he decided to do more of the same thing with other kids with illnesses and diseases. Then Make-A-Wish-Foundation was born. The only bad thing was that it was a nonprofit organization so when they started, they made little money. Then people started noticing their work and wanted to help with that.

The make a wish foundation basically works on people's thoughtfulness. Since they don't sell anything it is difficult for them to make money. This is why they have a donation system. They also have a volunteer system. This is so that they don't have to do the whole application system and it makes it easier. Frank really though out the way that this company would work.





Frank let's Chris take a seat on his motorcycle

#### The First Make A Wish Kid.

Who was the first kid to have their wish granted by Make A Wish? The first kid to receive a gift from the make a wish foundation was a kid named Poncho Salazar; and his wish was to go to Disneyland. After that, while he was in the hospital,Frank got the local fire department to go through the third story window of his hospital room. They gave him a fireman helmet and talked to him about why he wanted to be a fireman. His last wish was to ride in a hot air balloon. Frank got someone to ride with him in the balloon and he loved it.

#### How Did Frank Make An Impact On The World?

Frank Shankwitz really made an impact on the kids in the world that have severe diseases and illnesses. There should be more people like him helping people around the world. He was so smart to make an organization that would benefit from the thoughtfulness of others. There are so many people who contribute to this foundation that changes the world. This shows that Frank shankwitz proves that there is good in the world.

## True Goodness

By Peter Zheng

ho has helped many people around the world?

Who prioritizes others' needs over their own? Who, despite being born poor, is now the richest man in China? Jack Ma is a great person who shows that there is good in the world. His benevolence has helped many.





The Jack Ma Foundation helped develop schools in rural areas.

Ma loves helping people and organizations, especially those that need it. He could leave his billions to his children, but no. He decides to donate it to charity (usually for disaster relief or the poor). He is even retiring to focus on philanthropy and helping others in need. He was chosen by Forbes Asia as one of Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy in 2010. He not only donated a lot of money himself, but he also created a foundation where people would donate to the people who had been struck by natural disasters.

He also wants to create a better world and wants future generations to enjoy their lives. Ma seeks to address environmental challenges such as water and air and wants to improve finance, education, and healthcare. He also distributed equity to high school students who worked for him before his company grew, helping their generation. He once said, **"Help young people. Help small guys. Because small guys will be big. Young people will have the seeds you bury in their minds, and when they grow up, they will change the world." Not only that, he also**  stops people who sell counterfeit goods, hires as many women as possible, and creates a good business culture. He trained his successor first and then stepped down. This is good because he not only gives more opportunities to more people, but also makes the company last longer, as a new untrained CEO may not be able to manage the company.

Ma also cares about other businesses and the economy as a whole, not just his own business. His Alibaba gives a platform for businesses to sell goods to other businesses, his Taobao makes business-to-consumer and consumer-to-consumer selling easy, and his Alipay helps making payment easier. All of these are things that help other businesses and the economy.

Therefore, Jack Ma is an amazing man who manages to help others while still helping himself to succeed. His main priority is to help other people. If you want to become a better person, be like Jack Ma.

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