Inspirational Young People Possibilities

Olivia Bouler
One inspiring environmental activist uses her creative side to spread messages about saving our planet. Twelve-year-old Olivia Bouler has raised over $200,000 for environmental causes through her children’s book, Olivia’s Birds: Saving the Gulf, as well as her displayed artwork at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art.

Grace Li
Grace Li, Co-founder and CEO of We Care Act, dedicates much of her time to helping youth around the world recover from disasters. From collecting books for earthquake victims in China to running collection drives after Hurricane Ike, Grace has helped over 14,000 kids recover from natural disasters.

Kyle David Weiss
As the founder of FUNDaFIELD, Kyle Weiss works to better the lives of children and teens in developing countries. The 19-year-old’s organization gives youth a chance to play soccer as a therapeutic method for curing trauma and inspiring positive growth.

Cassandra Lin
Impressive teen Cassandra Lin is the founder of Rhode Island-based Project TGIF: Turn Grease Into Fuel, which converts collected grease into biodiesel so that it can be supplied to families for emergency heating assistance. The 14-year-old sprang into action after reading an article in the local paper that pointed out that many people in community could not afford to heat their homes in the winter.

Abdel Alzorgan
After working with his dad on a farm in Tafila, Jordan, Abdel Alzorgan was inspired to find new and innovative ways to conserve water. Since entering his first INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair in 2006, the 22-year-old has participated in many competitions and organizations to bring awareness and information back to the youth in his home country.

Zander Srodes
Twenty one-year-old environmentalist Zander Srodes has been proactive about sea turtle conservation for over ten years, and founded the Turtle Talks marine science seminar program to spread his passion to youth all over the country. He has written three children’s books on the subject, including Turtle Talks Activity Book, which sold over 3,000 copies worldwide and has been translated into six languages.

Maren Johnson
As Student Ambassador for the Global Soap Project, 17-year-old Maren Johnson collects lightly used bars of soap from hotels and sends them to areas in need throughout the world.

Brittany Bergquist
Brittany Bergquist first started making a difference when she assisted one soldier with his cell phone bill. Now, 21-year-old’s act of care has developed into a 501c3 non-profit organization, Cell Phones for Soldiers, that is designed to assist service members from every branch of the military.
Christopher Yao
Firmly following the belief that youth can make a difference, 15-year-old Christopher Yao founded Kids Change the World, an organization that empowers and enables young people to start their own fundraisers and charitable programs.

Kendall Ciesmier
Born with a rare liver disease, 19-year-old Kendall Ciesmier knew the meaning of the word 'struggle’ from an early age, and now she helps others who are struggling through her organization Kids Caring 4 Kids.

Ghalib Khalil
After extreme floods ravaged his home country, 17-year-old Ghalib Khalil decided to take action by creating the Rescue Pakistan Youth Foundation. His efforts are helping to slowly rebuild families and communities that have been devastated by the flooding.

Parrys Raines
A sixteen year old girl from Australia began a quest to rid the environment of disposable bottles. She opened the eyes of youth around the world to the large quantities of plastic in the sea and the harm it does to marine life.

Samantha Smith (1972-1985)
Samantha was an American schoolgirl from Maine. In 1982, she wrote a letter to the leader of Soviet Union, Yuri Andropov, asking why relations between the US and published in Pravda, and later Andropov replied. She was America's youngest ambassador.

Nkosi Johnson (1989-2001)
Nkosi (born Xolani Nkosi) was born with HIV/AIDS inherited from his parents. In 1997, he was refused admission to a public school because of HIV status. He became a powerful speaker for treating HIV victims with equality and respect.

Sophie Scholl (1921-1942)
As a student at the University of Munich, Scholl was arrested by the Gestapo for distributing anti-war leaflets. As a consequence, she was executed for 'high treason' in 1943. Motivated by her Christian faith, she opposed the Nazi ideology of Germany and was willing to risk her own life in standing up for her activities.

Jordan Ridge
This twenty-three year old is the founder and manager of Made By Mosaic, a non-profit business started to create jobs in a South African township for families who foster or adopt orphans in the region.

Rujul Zaparde
In January 2007, he visited relatives in Paras, India. He realized that people didn't have drinking water and women had to walk several miles twice a day to bring back water. He came back to the US and began to raise money to build a well. Forty-seven wells have been constructed so far.

Parker Liautaud
Created an organization called The Last Degree to inform, inspire, and educate young people about climate change; attempted to be the youngest person to reach the North Pole in order to call attention to his organization.
Dylan Mahalingam
Founded an organization called Lil’MDGs to inform, inspire, engage, and empower the world’s children to help solve serious local and global issues; Created a website to inform people about worldwide poverty and fund raised for these causes.

Aqbal was forced child laborer in Pakistan. He was able to escaped and began campaigning against child labor and the right for children to receive education.

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