

## **The 2020 Call for Kindness Winners**

*Students are available for interviews upon request.*

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### **Liam Hannon (14), Cambridge, MA: Liam's Lunches of Love**

Feeds people experiencing homelessness, preparing lunches each week to hand out in decorated bags they receive from people all over the world!

### **Jordan Grabelle (16), Voorhees, NJ: Love Letters for Literacy**

Fosters a love of reading among at-risk kids and makes learning the alphabet fun through simple educational games that families can play together. Love Letters has recruited thousands of volunteers to promote childhood literacy in all 50 states and 19 countries.

### **Jacqueline Means (18), Wilmington, DE: STEM: Today's Girls, Tomorrow's STEMInists**

Brings STEM to underprivileged girls by leading fun hands-on science experiments and showing that women can dominate in STEM fields. So far, the program has positively impacted over 1,500 young girls!

### **Devangana Rana (16), Urbana, IL: Global Transition Events**

Monthly events that celebrate different cultures and help international students and their families transition to the United States, including navigating American culture and resources like getting a library card, grocery shopping, and helping kids in school.

### **Chander Payne (18) & Group, Bethesda, MD/DC: Urban Beet**

Cultivates compassion through urban farms offering fresh vegetables to students and local people experiencing homelessness. So far, they've delivered 2,500 pounds of fresh vegetables to those in need and involved 200+ public high school students.

### **Michael Ruprecht (20) & Group, Ann Arbor, MI: Flint Justice Partnership**

Works to bring attention to the Flint water crisis by partnering with Flint residents and educating University of Michigan students; it's been over 2,100 days since Flint hasn't had clean drinking water.

### **Ava (16) & Sophia (14), Paley, NY: Donate2Dance**

Collects gently worn dancewear for dancers in need and dancers with special needs, collecting donations from all over the country. Donate2Dance currently serves over 65 dance schools.

### **Matt Tengtrakool (17), Burlington, MA: iRemember**

Local teens run community events to help seniors record their stories and memories on a website platform that gives the next generation a collection of real historical and personal perspectives.

Leading Today for a Kinder Tomorrow.



**Everest Elle Maya-Tudor (18), Miami, FL: STEM Hour**

Provides underserved children access to the world of STEM through engaging, hands-on learning activities that enrich the lives of children as they develop a love for science. Currently, the program works with the Little Lighthouse Foundation at the Chapman House, a homeless shelter for families in Miami.

**Jonathan Tamen (16) & Group, Miami, FL: Helping Hands**

Starting a 3D Printing Club to assemble prosthetic hands and distribute to the poor around the world (as a chapter of e-Nable), and expanding the MiamiBeachBots Robotics and Coding Mentoring Project with local schools.

**Julia Dima (17), Brooklyn, NY: Young at Heart Society**

Expanding a program where students from St. Anne's school teach classes and give performances for the elderly at the Saint Charles Jubilee Center.

**Anya Shukla & Kathryn Lau (18), Seattle, WA: The Colorization Collective**

Promotes diversity, equity, and inclusivity within the arts by amplifying the work of teen artists of color with a bimonthly web-series; written reviews, interviews, and social media campaigns; and a mentorship and performance pathway.

**Kristie Moore (17) & Group, Orange County, CA: Amigos de México**

Works to break barriers and make their community a more loving place by teaching youth about the Mexican American community the issues it faces through an immersive educational experience consisting of online curriculum, site visits, and cultural activities.

**Jayla Wideman (16), Union City, GA: FHL Closets and Tutoring Services**

Makes sure students have the basics they need to thrive by filling school closets in underprivileged communities with toiletries, clothes, nonperishable food items, and school supplies; and developing a free tutoring program.

**Betel Tenna (19) & Group, Rockville, MD: Project Superkid**

Makes superhero blankets and cards for hospitalized children.

**Olivia Stone & Grace Dana (16), NY, NY: Confident, Healthy Women**

Works to supply women in need with hygiene and menstrual products in and beyond NYC.

**Avex Guzhnay (19), Fair Haven, CT: Fair Haven Connects**

A door-to-door neighborhood outreach program that brings residents into the political process through voter registration, connects them to important city services, and celebrates the vibrant neighborhood culture.

**Agha Haider (17) & Group, St. Louis, MO/WI/TN: Literacy Initiative**

Provides STEM-based opportunities to disadvantaged students through after-school programs that include mentoring, sports, reading, and discussions of real-world issues.

**Faith Ajanaku (16), Grand Prairie, TX/AZ/CA: Modern Divergence**

Works to provide resources to those struggling with mental and developmental conditions, break the stigma of needing to be “fixed” and feeling broken, and create a supportive environment for patients going through long-term treatments through journalism, a podcast, and direct outreach.

**Gia Gambino (18), New York, NY: Rise**

Supports students with learning disabilities by providing resources to students and parents, advocating for equitable educational opportunities, and creating a community of support and celebration.

**Toby Paperno (18) & Group, New York, NY: Teens Take Charge**

A student-led coalition that works to develop civic leaders to uplift the student voice in the New York City school system (the largest and most segregated school system in the nation).

**Aria Miao & Sarah Hasan (16), Burke, VA/Sweden: The Red Goji**

An online food forum and blog promoting worldwide cultural understanding and empathy through food by featuring meaningful cultural recipes from users that are shared and translated into several languages.

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