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HONEY FOR HUNGER

“Daily media coverage of the war in Ukraine awakened me to the impact conflict has on children. I wanted to help, and I found Save the Children ideally suited to help children, not only in Ukraine, but in the many emergent crises worldwide. I was really impressed with Save the Children’s charity rating, their flexibility and their reach,” says high-school student Rico.

“Once I decided to help, I knew I needed to connect with donors. Working with what is most familiar to me was key. I have been beekeeping for four years and teach beekeeping courses to my fellow classmates and Scouts.

“The honey harvest is my favorite activity because it represents the reward for the yearlong care a beekeeper invests in his bees. Since Save the Children is dedicated to preventing malnutrition and honey is the only natural substance containing all nutrients necessary to sustain life, combining Save the Children with honey seemed a natural fit. I had a network of school friends and families who were already familiar with my bees and honey who I could introduce to Save the Children.

“Most people have heard of the honeybee’s plight and fight for survival. Interestingly, Ukraine is Europe’s top honey producer. It seemed fitting to donate my bee’s precious summer harvest

to draw donors to help children in crisis. If the humble honeybee can help Save the Children, then surely each of us can too.



“The connection worked. Donors were thrilled to have a way to help children and were so happy to receive a jar of fresh, local honey. I’m pleased to report my \$5,000 goal was easily surpassed. Now each time I see my bees working together to make honey, I think of how our school community came together to help Save the Children.”



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DR. GOODWIN PAYS IT FORWARD

Dr. Hillary Goodwin, an emergency doctor at Kaiser Permanente in Roseville, CA, was on the frontlines in the fight against COVID-19. She dealt with her emotions by making quilts, one of which became an award-winning project. Continuing her compassion for others, she donated her \$5,000 award to Save the Children.

“I am an ER doctor and modern quilt maker who has been quilting for the last 15 years,” says Dr. Goodwin. “I come from a long line of quilters and, therefore, quilting was an obvious choice as a means of easing the stress of my day job. I often say that hand work helps the brain work, and I find the tactile practice of sewing pieces of fabric together helps me better proverbially sew together the broken pieces of people’s lives in the ER.

“Challenges I deal with in my professional and personal life often show up in my quilts. The year 2020 was a particularly hard one for me as I unexpectedly lost my father in an accident and also dealt with COVID head-on as a healthcare worker. I commemorated the year in a quilt I call ‘2020 Vision.’ In it, I pieced repeated open eyes with appliqued tears. The quilt is about the shared trauma we all felt watching the life-changing events of the pandemic, the election, and racial justice and political strife unfolding in front of us as so many of us were stuck

in our homes, glued to our screens. It also is about the trauma my health care colleagues and I faced taking care of people with COVID while worrying for our own safety and that of our families,” says Dr. Goodwin.

“When this quilt unexpectedly won Best in Show at Quiltcon 2022, I knew that the \$5000 prize given to the Modern Quilt Guild by the Gamill Quilting Company was meant to be donated. It only made sense that the profits from a piece made from sorrow should go toward easing the sorrow of others.

“I was familiar with Save the Children as a previously trained pediatrician. In addition, one of my friends and fellow ER doctors Hernando Garzon, M.D. who has done relief work around the world, vouched for Save the Children as a valued non-governmental organization in the field. Since then, I have also contacted my employer to ask if they may be interested in contributing to the donation. I have yet to hear from them, but know that the story of me and my quilt will be featured in our employee newsletter along with a reminder that my employer matches all employee donations up to \$200 per individual. Save the Children is one of the many worthy organizations on their list of matching donation causes. I am hoping to keep the good juju rolling forward and to generate more money for folks like Save the Children.”

HENLEY'S GOOD LUCK FUNDRAISER

On a Spring Break trip, 8-year-old Henley went to Honduras. One day, she took a bus to go snorkeling and saw many people who weren't as fortunate as she and her family.

"I felt very sad that kids and adults had ripped clothes and no place to shelter or live. I was scared for them. When I got home from the trip, I could not stop thinking about the kids, and I wanted to help," says Henley.

Henley and her mom had an idea. Their special talent is finding four-leaf clovers. "We decided we would collect the clovers, make bookmarks out of them and sell them to raise money for the kids in Honduras. We named it Lucky4Love, adding hearts and clovers to each bookmark with a note saying 'Thanks to your love, a little extra luck is going to a child in need.'"



When Henley's sisters Adair and Meadow heard the idea, they wanted to help by making brownies and lemonade to sell. "We made over 100 bookmarks with 4-, 5- and 6-leaf clovers. We put together a stand in our neighborhood and many of our friends, neighbors and family came to support us, raising \$1,300 for Save the Children. I hope we helped the kids," Henley says.

"We are so proud of them," Mom Alicia shares. "Being featured in a Save the Children newsletter will be even more encouragement for them to continue their philanthropy at a young age. We hope to continue to donate much more to Save the Children through their efforts."

And Henley, you can rest assured that you and your sisters absolutely DID help kids!



SCAN AND SAVE THE CHILDREN ANNOUNCE LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

CLUB
CORNER

Brody Armstrong, Save the Children Action Network's Lead Associate of Volunteer Engagement, says, "As I close the books on the last school year, I can only look back with admiration at the incredible group of students I've had the joy of working with. This year brought a head-spinning amount of change for all of us, but especially students, as schools attempted to find a 'new normal' in the wake of the pandemic. The year had its ups and downs, its victories and its tragedies. Through it all, our clubs and leaders continued to organize for the sake of kids everywhere."

In special recognition of their hard work and dedication to improving the lives of kids this school year, we are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2022 Student Awards!

Leadership Award Winners



Avery
Hume Fogg High School,
Tennessee

"If something needed doing we could always count on Avery to take care of it. Often we didn't even need to ask!"



Ella
Deerfield Academy,
Massachusetts

"Ella brought creative ideas and used them to organize the two largest letter-writing events we saw at any school this year."



Erin
Illinois Math & Science
Academy, Illinois

"With Erin at the helm, the IMSA chapter hosted a consistent stream of successful events including guest speakers, documentary screenings, postcard writing and more!"



Ryan
New Mexico State University,
New Mexico

"Ryan shouldered the responsibility of planning club activities with grace and organized several engaging events that brought in new members."



Taylor
Miami Arts Studio, Florida

"Taylor had perfect attendance on our national training webinars, and I could always count on her to be signed in, smiling with the camera on and ready to go."

Club Challenge Winners

Clubs competed in the Save the Children/SCAN Club Challenge all year. The challenge is a friendly competition between clubs to earn points for taking action to improve children's lives! So many clubs had an impressive showing in the inaugural season of the Club Challenge, but only four can claim the top prize: a grant opportunity for up to \$1,500 for their club to host an exciting and innovative event during the next school year. The four winners were:

- #1** Illinois Math & Science Academy, Illinois
- #2** University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign, Illinois
- #3** Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts
- #4** Spring Valley High School, South Carolina

And congratulations to all the wonderful clubs that competed!