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YOUR TEAM SAVE THE CHILDREN NEWS



KITES FOR A CAUSE

Natasha Febres

It was a blustery afternoon – and that’s a good thing for flying a kite, especially when it’s for a great cause. About 100 students from Chaney High School in Youngstown, Ohio donated \$2 each to join a colorful kite-flying fundraiser in May. Not only was it a fun time with friends, the event raised \$341.75 to benefit child refugees from Syria. The event was inspired by students’ Advanced

Placement English class readings about refugees. It was organized by seniors Adalah, Steven and Natasha, with help from their teacher Angela Dooley.

“For our senior reading, we read about refugees – and we wanted to find a way to help them,” Adalah said. “The kites symbolize our themes of hope and freedom.”

[Find out about Syria’s children who’ve been forced to flee for their lives, leaving behind their homes, schools and everything they once knew – and how every dollar makes a difference.](#)



Rachel Couch

WE ARE THE **VOICE FOR KIDS**

The strength of more than 200 voices reverberated across Capitol Hill last spring, calling on our lawmakers to invest in kids.

Those were the voices of amazing advocates from across the country who travelled to Washington, D.C. for our joint annual Save the Children and Save the Children Action Network (SCAN) Advocacy Summit. This year, advocates, including 75 high school and college students, from more than 35 states attended in-depth trainings, heard from leading experts and attended meetings with nearly 150 lawmakers and staff. They urged more investments in U.S. early childhood education and humanitarian support for children living in conflict zones.

“What can change the world today is the same thing that has changed it in the past – an idea, and the service of dedicated, committed individuals to that idea,” SCAN CEO Mark Shriver said, kicking off the summit with a quote from his father, Sargent Shriver.

One of those dedicated individuals is Nanette Arnold, who was honored as Advocate of the Year. Nanette is a long-time teacher from Tennessee, who never spoke to a political candidate or attended a campaign event until last year. But as an early

reading specialist, she knows the importance of early learning to a child’s success in school and life. So she set out last summer to talk to every candidate in her state. She did just that at more than 25 campaign events, organizing her friends and colleagues to do the same. Success! The newly-elected Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, has prioritized high-quality early childhood education – and he credits his increased awareness to Nanette and her fellow advocates.

Also honored this year was Mihir Sardesai, named Student Advocate of the Year. A high school senior from the Seattle area, Mihir is so dedicated to helping kids get a strong start in life that he donated the savings from his summer tutoring job to Save the Children. As a Student Ambassador for SCAN, he has canvassed for kids’ issues at numerous events, knocking on doors, making calls and starting conversations with voters. Mihir also created a thriving SCAN club at his school. Attending college in the fall, he is looking to make a career in political advocacy.

At Save the Children, we know that changing a life lasts a lifetime. [Check out our advocacy work and how you, too, can raise your voice for kids.](#)

HANNIBAL HIGH'S HUMANITARIANS



Ed Barrington

According to Dictionary.com, a humanitarian is a person actively engaged in promoting human welfare. In honor of the great humanitarian Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., teacher Ed Barrington developed a lesson on humanitarianism in January. His goal was to encourage students to care for others and help those in need – and he couldn't be prouder of his students' response.

As part of the lesson, the class watched a PBS NewsHour story about the impact of Yemen's civil war on the children there, including the realities of disease, starvation and death. Many of the students were so moved that they decided to take action, creating a fundraiser focused on helping children in need all around the world, including in Yemen. The fundraiser will run throughout the school year.

With compassion, collaboration and creativity, these students are doing something meaningful to change the world for the better. They not only learned about humanitarianism, they became humanitarians themselves!

"They have realized that we may not be able to stop wars," Mr. Barrington said, "but we can help those most vulnerable – children."

[See how humanitarians like Mr. Barrington's students are helping Stop the War on Children.](#)



Renee Holland

RENEE'S STORY: 65 AND SAVING

Renee Holland decided to donate her birthday to Save the Children – so more children can celebrate theirs. And not just any birthday, mind you – her 65th!

It was a milestone year for Renee. Not only was she celebrating a special birthday, she was retiring from Stamford Public Schools where she worked as a bilingual speech pathologist for 39 years.

“I am requesting that you join me on Sunday, May 19, 2019 as I celebrate my 65th birthday,” said Renee’s birthday brunch invitation. “I am so excited to have donated my birthday to Save the Children, so I hope instead of a gift that you will make a donation to help Save the Children get closer to their goal of reaching every last child.”

And afterwards, when her generous friends had donated \$850, exceeding her goal by \$200, she exclaimed, “It was with absolute joy and gratitude that my friends honored my request.”

Here’s to your happy birthday, Renee – and many more!

[Want to do good by donating your birthday? It’s easy – here’s how.](#)



Renee Holland

STYLING TWEEN TRIPLETS

CHANGING LIVES



Tim Hammill

Scrunchies are back – and helping change lives! That's thanks to 12-year-old sisters Isabella, Maya and Hanna from Fairfield, Connecticut who not only have a great sense of style, but a commitment to doing good. When these middle-schoolers learned at their church about the suffering of Yemen's children, they put their newly learned sewing skills to work. They formed their own business, called Three Missions, and sold their wares to fellow students. So far, they've sold over 100 scrunchies, raising \$250 to support Save the Children's humanitarian relief efforts in Yemen. Here they are proudly presenting the big check!

On behalf of children living in what's considered the world's worst humanitarian crisis, girls like these are creating lifesaving change – one scrunchie at a time.

[Learn more about the dire need in Yemen, the critical care we're providing and how you can change lives.](#)



Judge Memorial Yearbook Staff

CHOOSING **SAVE THE CHILDREN**

It took months of planning, starting with the charity research. Every year, students at Judge Memorial Catholic High School's Interact Club of Salt Lake City, Utah host a charity banquet and silent auction to support an international charity. This year, they chose Save the Children.

Why Save the Children? Club members likely considered questions like these: What does Save the Children believe? Where do they work? How do they help children? Will our donations make a difference?

Members also conducted all the planning, solicitation and development of auction items and hosting of the event – all with tremendous success. The event was held in February and, with the support of club members, administration, faculty, staff, families, students and the SLC Rotary Club, they raised \$3,300!

“It is the pleasure of the JMCHS Interact Club to share this donation with Save the Children to support the mission of this wonderful organization,” said Karla Keller, Interact Club Advisor. Thank you, Karla, and everyone who worked so long and so hard to make change for children!

Do you ever ask the question: Why Save the Children? [We've got answers!](#)

FROM THE SAVE THE CHILDREN KITCHEN: BUÑUELOS CON MIEL (DESSERT FRITTERS WITH SYRUP)

Traditional Country of Origin: Guatemala
Serves: 8

This delicious recipe is prepared on December 7, which in Guatemala is the traditional celebration “the burning of the Devil.”

INGREDIENTS:

Fritters:

3 to 4 large eggs
1 1/4 cup of flour (sifted)
1 cup of water
1/2 teaspoon of anise seed
1/4 teaspoon of salt
1/8 teaspoon of baking soda
Cooking oil

Syrup:

1/2 or 3/4 cup of sugar
1 cup of water
1 piece of cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fritters: In a pot, boil 1 cup of water, anise and salt. Allow to boil for a minute and then add baking soda and flour. Take it off the stove and beat the ingredients vigorously until the flour is well mixed. Allow to cool, then add an egg. Continue to beat the mixture well and add the second egg, then the third, and the fourth in the same manner. Cover the dough and let it rest at least 1 hour.

Place oil in a pot and heat it. Using a teaspoon, place the balls of dough into the hot oil, one by one. Fry until well cooked, removing them when they appear golden. Once removed from the oil, drain the excess oil in an absorbent paper towel. Serve the fried dough with the syrup drizzled on top.

Syrup: Boil the sugar, water and cinnamon together in a small pot for 5 minutes. Depending on taste, one can add other ingredients such as liquors, fig leaves, orange rind, vanilla or anise.



CHOOSE YOUR OWN RACE

We invite you to choose your own race event and raise funds to help us do whatever it takes to ensure that all children grow up healthy, learning and safe.

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Raise \$250 and receive a Save the Children race t-shirt!



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Save the Children

BRIDGE CHALLENGE



BRIDGE THE GAP FOR GIRLS

Did you know that even today, girls are more likely than boys to die from malnutrition, be denied education or be forced into child marriage? Save the Children challenges you to do something about it! Together we will walk over the Brooklyn Bridge and give girls the futures they deserve.

Save the Children launches NEW walk event!

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Join us in Brooklyn or walk where you live: [savethechildren.org/bridge](https://www.savethechildren.org/bridge)

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