

Chime In Youth Ambassador Call 10.14.15

Simran got on the call for the first time in a while. She's starting her last year of high school and has been busy with projects. She has been doing a lot of fundraising for people in the warzone in Yemen, buying kits for those in refugee camps and hospitals. She has also been working with breast cancer survivors and doing fund raising. She's also been preparing a conference on healthy eating.

Victoria was next to check in. She's in her final year of university and has been doing mentorships with young people. She's also working on her TV show, getting young people to talk about their experiences with crime and the criminal justice system in London. She's also working on her project FUN—Forget Us Not-- raising money to provide educational supplies for children. She is also working on a project to get clean water at orphanages in Nigeria and is hoping to raise money to pay for their education. Her mission is to give hope to these people and to let them know that they have not been forgotten.

Cat updated us on her activities. She's the co-director of an international climate change organization and has been training young people on what they can do and creating events to promote awareness. She is also organizing a woman's conference on how they can express themselves and be the change in the world. She's also involved in a UK charity for LGBT issues and has also been working to house Syrian war refugees in London.

Jeetan was next. He's been busy with work. He's working on a program for first generation refugee youth and has been busy writing grants and working with local non-profits. He's been continuing his project for Nepal, raising more funds and is sending \$5000 to Nepal this week for construction and food expenses. He will also be having a fundraising event at the end of the month and is working with local restaurants and bars to set up some fundraising events.

Benjamin felt it was great to wake up and hear the good events the others are doing. He starts his Goodness Tour project tomorrow, performing a concert at a shelter for troubled children in the morning and then a rooftop concert in Seattle tomorrow night. He's lining up several dozen shows on the West Coast in the coming weeks. He's working to organize a concert at Umqua Community College in Oregon, the site of a tragic shooting several weeks ago. He said there have been threats of shootings in a number of schools in Oregon and is looking forward to being able to bring music and hope to these communities. He's painting his van today with the logo for the Goodness Tour. A photo taken of him working in a school in Africa was posted on a National Geographic website. As a result a woman saw it and got involved in working on her own African project. Through the photographer who took that photo he met another man working on a project teaching African children how to make their own documentary films who's interested in working with Benjamin on fusing their projects together. He will be able to work on this project during the week and then on the weekend go to Lea Anne's hometown to work on creating a mural there.

Jessica is torn on where to place her energies right now. She wants to be working with refugees and wants to be an example to inspire others to get involved with change. She's inspired by hearing about everyone else's projects and is excited to learn how to get foundation grants and is working on getting sponsors for the Guatemala trip. Susan said she would talk with her on how to get started.

The talk turned to the Guatemala trip. Kelly said in an ideal world all the funds would be raised by November 1st. She is hoping enough funds will be raised to pay for everyone to go on the trip, but there is no guarantee of this so she's hoping everyone will raise funds to enable them to pay for their own trip. The trip is happening in any event but the hope is that everyone can be there.

Susan is working on trying to find a contact at the airlines to get student rates for the ambassadors. Benjamin said he might have a contact.

Kelly reminded everyone that you are all change makers and creators.