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*Be the change you wish to see in the world.  
~ Mahatma Gandhi*

#### **About CHIME IN**

With the motto *I Am the Change*, CHIME IN is an international, youth-driven, adult-supported initiative that trains and educates future leaders of the world by giving them the skills and the platform to “chime in” and make a positive difference in this world.

Currently, 14 Youth Ambassadors, ages 16-25, from Uganda, Kenya, Guatemala, Honduras, Mongolia, Nepal, Australia, Jordan, Dubai, The UK, and the US are engaged in the year long CHIME IN Youth Ambassador Program, which is based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Youth Ambassadors brainstorm via weekly web-based teleconferences to develop actionable solutions to those goals. They then each choose a goal to focus upon and create solutions-driven projects to implement within their respective communities.

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#### **CHIME IN's year-end goal**

To celebrate a year of learning and team building, the Youth Ambassadors will congregate in one ambassador's hometown at the end of each year to participate in a meaningful, sustainable group community service project that will make a true impact on the

community they visit. This year, they will be meeting in Guatemala City, Guatemala in December to collaborate with the international NGO TECHO and join with Ambassador Antonio Roca in building transitional homes for people living in the slums there.

### **Interview Guests:**

#### **Susan Johnson**

Susan Johnson is the Co-founder and Co-director of CHIME IN.

#### **Kelly Sullivan Walden**

Kelly Sullivan Walden is the Co-founder and Program Director of CHIME IN.

#### **Jeetan Khadka, Youth Ambassador, Bhutan/Nepal**

A former child refugee in Nepal, Jeetan and his family fled their home country of Bhutan when he was one. After 17 years in the refugee camp, Jeetan moved to Burlington, VT in 2008, where he currently works as a Young Navigator at Spectrum Youth & Family Services.

#### **Lea Anne Almetwaly, Youth Ambassador, Jordan/US**

Born and raised by her Jordanian father and American mother in Aqaba, Jordan until the age of 15, Lea Anne Almetwaly is a Jordanian-American who now lives in Arlington, Texas.

#### **Mariah Reyes, Youth Ambassador, US**

**Mariah Reyes** is an advocate for environmental sustainability, gender quality, and empowering women. She is a freshman in college and is from Los Angeles, CA.

### **The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:**

The Chime Youth Ambassador Program educates, empowers and activates the future compassionate leaders of the world. A core component of our program involves the **United Nations Millenium Sustainable Development Goals**. Of the seventeen goals, our group focuses on the following:

- Eradicate poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education

- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Attain healthy lives for all
- Reduce inequality within and between countries

The program provides an in-depth study of each goal through a written program, weekly calls, training by mentors, and individual community service projects by each ambassador.

**Suggested questions:**

- What does CHIME IN stand for?
- CHIME IN is a huge international enterprise. How did it come about?
- The program is based on the UN Millennium Sustainable Development Goals. What are those? And which 6 goals are you focusing on?
- How did you find these 14 Youth Ambassadors?
- Jeetan (Lea Anne, Mariah), what goal are you focusing on, and what is your project?
- The group is heading to Guatemala this December. What brings you there?
- How can our listeners get involved?

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