

Young people using social media for good

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Example 1: Hannah Alper motivates people of all ages to identify their passion and take action

<http://kindraising.callmehannah.ca/>



Hannah, who is from Toronto, launched her blog Call Me Hannah when she was just nine years old. Hannah has not only built a huge following for her blog but gained influence through public speaking and so much more. She has 34,000 followers on Twitter, writes for The Huffington Post, and serves as both a Me to We Motivational Speaker and Free the Children Ambassador. Meanwhile, her advocacy has expanded to also include anti-bullying efforts and celebrating other young role models, including Malala Yousafzai.

Hannah goes by a lot of descriptions, from eco-warrior to “kindraiser.” And if you want to know what kindraising is, here it is in Hannah’s own words from one of her Huffington Post blogs: **“Kindraising is all about changing our communities and the world through kindness. I believe that it takes more than money to create a lot of change that we’re working on and that compassion, empathy and kindness play a huge part in reaching our goal.”**

Example 2: Joshua Williams is on a mission to end hunger locally, across the country and around the world <https://joshuasheart.org/>



Through his Foundation 14-year-old Joshua Williams of Miami, Fla. has recruited more than 10,000 young volunteers and helped raise more than \$550,000 to help feed hungry individuals and families around the world. Having developed a passion for helping the hungry when he was just four-and-a-half, he uses his website to encourage people of all ages to join in the cause.

To help spread the word and good deeds, Joshua makes use of all the major social-media channels including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, flickr and Instagram. His site also features blogs from not just Joshua but eight other young people who help spread the word and share their experiences with the organization. Says his mother, Claudia McClean, “Joshua empowers and engages young people ages two and up to find their passion or purpose and use it for the better good.”