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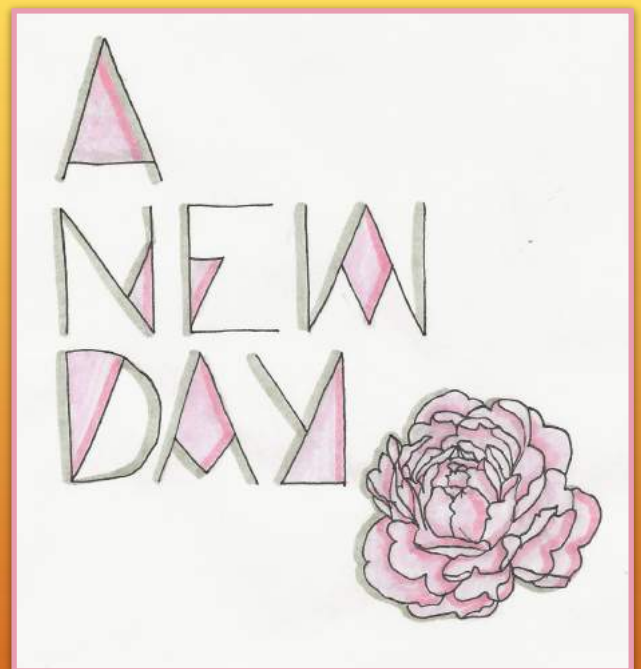
"We are what we imagine."
- Navarre Scott Momaday

All in the Future

by Louis A. Craco III

This is my second time getting Covid 19. I stayed in my room for 5 days and now I have tested negative. I have the chance to go outside and I took off my mask. This is my New Day. I feel free. The whole world deserves to be celebrating a New Day.

To celebrate a new day, the word "New" is what you must focus on, it's a Global Thing. New Lives. "New" can change Everything. God made the world for Peace and Love. We must replace the old world of hatred with the New world of Love. If we don't want the world to hurt itself, we got to stop the disasters that are being held.



Imagine Youth Leader Audrey (14) celebrates
"A New Day" with her extraordinary artwork!

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We have to protect the world from Covid 19. But there are other viruses like Gun Violence, Sadness, Racism and War. People are being killed by guns. It is time to start finding other ways. People like Police Officers have responsibilities to guns. Hunters hunt for Wildlife and feed their families. We have to Obey the Law, but don't use guns on other people.

Sadness is like an Emotion. Some people are old or sick or live all alone or don't have any family. Their Spirits matter in the World. We can do for them what P.T. Barnum did, and help their Spirits feel Miracle-ized. In the 1800's, the Barnum Circus Museum of Curiosities was burned down by protesters, and the performers were Devastated and Sad. But P.T. Barnum continued his legacy of a Circus for the family of performers in a Tent! They celebrated a New Day by putting on a Show of a Lifetime in front of Millions of People.

Racism is another Virus; it is filled with hatred. People are being treated wrongly, like George Floyd. Derek Chauvin did not respect George Floyd's Skin Color or Life. He knelt on Floyd's Neck on the Concrete in between the Police car and the Ground, and his Life was Taken. We should not Judge other people. It is important to respect people's Surroundings and Abilities.

War is a Major Virus. It's Brutal to just talk about, to Think about it. It's like a game of chess. Right now, President Zelensky is the king, and the other king is Putin. The soldiers are the Bishops and Rooks. Putin is destroying Ukraine. He wants Russia to be the biggest country. We shall not let that happen! We need to Stand Up.

Through The Imagine Society Newsletter we can fight with our Words. There is a long way to go before we can celebrate. The Covid 19 Vaccinations keep us Protected from the germs in the world. We have another Vaccination, and we call it Love and that is the Cure for the World.

Louis A. Craco III
Cooke School, 9th Grade
Self-Advocate for Down Syndrome

Happy Belated birthday Louis! Thank you for being such an integral young voice in The Imagine Society Newsletter. We treasure your talent, enthusiasm, and compassion!

Louis A. Craco III (14) is in the 9th grade at Cooke School and also on the Youth Editorial Staff at The Imagine Society Newsletter!



Louis as P.T. this halloween! :)



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The Imagine Society is honored to be invited for the 3rd year to have our youth leaders involved with **The Clara Lemlich Awards!** This inspirational event honors female activists in their 80s, 90s, and 100s! Please see below an excerpt from an interview conducted by **Youth Leader Juliana Rose (18)**, current Freshman at Cornell University and **2022 Honoree Maria Mazziotti Gillan**, Celebrated People's Poet. To read the full interview, learn more about the 2021 Honorees, and the amazing **Labor Arts** please go to: laborarts.org/exhibits/lemlichawards-2022

Good morning. My name is Julianna Rose and I am a senior at **Wantagh High School**. I am a member of my school's chapter of the **National English Honor Society**, and we were lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend the **Clara Lemlich Awards**. I was truly inspired by you and the other incredible women who were awarded. After viewing this ceremony, a few of my fellow students and I were asked to conduct interviews of the honorees for an article for the Labor Arts website, and I have a few questions that I would love to ask you if you have time to answer them:

Julianna Rose: What is the message that you hope readers get from your work as a whole? Is there any poem in particular that you feel truly emphasizes this message?

Maria Mazziotti Gillan: I think that my work as a whole emphasizes the need for human connection and the way that telling the truth about your life is important for all of us in order to save ourselves and save the stories of our lives. With this idea of connection in mind, I hope people see from my body of work that we are not all separate islands. Instead, we have to reach out to other people, and that we have to try to make the world a better place than when we found it. We need to stand up for the rights of others and to see that we're all interconnected. Words really can change people's lives. I think that's what poetry does. It makes us aware. It makes us understand that it is part of our jobs as human beings to try to speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves. My father was very involved in the union movement. He always tried to stand up for people who couldn't defend themselves. He taught us that was the most important thing to do.

Poems that directly confront these issues that my father taught me appear in my latest book, **When the Stars Were Still Visible**, and in two of my earlier books, **Growing Up Italian** and **What We Pass On: Collected Poems**. Yet, I think my work should be considered as a whole, rather than as individual poems. It's the impact of all the books and all the poems that I hope will help to change the reader's view of the world.

JR: Have you faced any harsh criticism for your writing and/or ideas? What do you take from criticism and how do you continue to express your ideas and fight for change in the midst of criticism?

MMG: I used to worry about what people thought of my choices for the subjects of my poems, but I no longer worry about that. I write what I have to write. I'm pleased when I get a letter from somebody who lived on a mountain in Montana or some other place where I have never been, saying that she knows exactly what I mean in my poems. That response tells me that what I've done is to connect my life to the life of other people, even people I have no chance of ever meeting in person. I have spent the last 40 years trying to get people to be brave enough to tell the truth in their poems, and to find the stories they need to tell. I'm trying to get clearer and clearer in my poems, and if I do that, I feel I've succeeded. For me, I don't care what those incomprehensible poets say about my poems. I am doing what I need to do and what I know needs to be done.

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JR: I recently worked on a playwriting initiative that focused on writing plays in order to advocate for social justice, so your work using poetry as a medium for social change is fascinating to me. What are your suggestions for young writers seeking to advocate through this medium (poetry, playwriting, novel writing, etc.)?

MMG: Any writing that advocates for social justice has to be done, I think, in a subtle way. If you hammer somebody on the head with a message, they are just going to shut you out. I believe in going in the back door to try to change people's minds, to try to make them realize when they are being prejudiced or listening to liars. I don't think it works to rant at people or to make them feel defensive. I try to be subtle in my push for social justice. I use stories and examples and softer language to make them open to listening to the message that is important to me. I will try to use the words of people who tried to bring about change, stories about them, and what they did, and what they said. I have a friend who writes political poems, but he does so through story. When he tells stories about his life and what it was like to grow up poor in The Bronx, people stop and listen to him because it's so heartfelt, it's so open. His work is so compassionate even to the people who harmed him the most. Those poems really bring about change. This poet's name is **Tony Medina**, and his book is called **My Old Man Was Always on The Lam**.

JR: What is your advice for individuals in our generation?

MMG: My advice for people in your generation is to know that you can do anything you set your mind to. Nothing can stop you if you let nothing stop you. You write what you need to write, say what you need to say. I think of **Clara Lemlich**, like her, *I've got something to say! We all have something to say!* We have to be brave and to believe that our voices are as important as anyone. I'd like to say to young people that you cannot just accept that the world is broken; you need to try to paste it back to together, need to try to make your voices heard. You do have a responsibility: you have a responsibility to register for a political party, and to vote in elections. Go to your school board and make your voices be heard. Go to your city council and make your voices be heard. We are not put in this world to be a rock or stone. We are put in this world to be forces for change, forces to make the world a better place, and I believe you and your generation can do this perhaps better than ours did.

JR: What is your proudest achievement?

MMG: If you remember I've lived 82 years, so I have a lot of moments that I feel very proud of: creating the Poetry Center in Paterson, New Jersey; having made my life out of poetry, and giving poetry to so many other people, especially those who needed someone to give them the tools and the courage to write their truths. Of course, my children are also my personal treasures, but in terms of my career, I also most proud of having taught so many people both through the graduate school at **Binghamton University SUNY** and **The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College** in Paterson, NJ, and in private workshops that I've organized and taught. I get notes all the time from people telling me I've changed their lives. That's the kind of impact I want you to aspire to. It's what my father tried to do in his community, and what I've tried to do in following in his footsteps. Now it's your turn to take that first step.

JR: Thank you for your time and congratulations on receiving this award!

To find more info on Poet **Maria Mazziotti Gillan**, please go to her Poetry Website mariagillan.blogspot.com Artist Website mariamazziottigillan.com

Thank you Juliana for your incredibly thoughtful interview!



Thank you Maria for your time, inspiring words and inspiring our youth!



The Imagine Society Gratitude Quilt

Extraordinary Young People tell us what they're grateful for in 2022

I am grateful to live in a home where there is always food on the table, and never have to experience an empty stomach. - Jacob Toboroff (17)

I am grateful for my family. - Finley Tyler (13)

I am grateful for a home to sleep and play in. - Lucas Chang (12)

I'm grateful for nature. As someone interested in science, I appreciate it for the opportunities it gives me to cultivate my interests, as well as the relaxation it provides. - Sofia Corsico-Sánchez (18)

I am grateful for my school. - Zaylen Palacios (15)

I am thankful for trees because they give use oxygen and they make our earth more beautiful. - Tayel Nasrani (10)

I am grateful to be a free black man. I am grateful for Ms. Jackson to tell us about Dred Scott. I am grateful for all my ancestors. - Ismail (16)

I am grateful for my mom because she takes time out of her day to be with me. - Dashiell Hall (11)

I am grateful for my family and for having a roof over my head. I am grateful for having food on the table every day, especially after seeing the flood damage and so many displaced children and families in Pakistan. - Arien Basir (12)

I am grateful to be able to learn from life's experiences. - `M.B.M. (18) Green Hill Resident

I'm so grateful that I can be outside in the sunshine with my friends. - Katie Gaffigan (13)

This year, I am grateful for the existence of art and the fact that I am able to express myself through music. - Maya Kilburn (19)

I am grateful for so much support and a second chance to start my life over. - Z.M. (17) Green Hill Resident

I am thankful for my Ascension & Imagine Society family who have helped build me into the person I am today. Super grateful for God who led me back to my home after so long! - Dayelin De La Cruz (19)

I'm grateful for mom and friends and art class. - Jonathan, GiGi's Playhouse NYC

I am grateful for my sister. - Genevieve Fitzpatrick (13)

This Thanksgiving I'm grateful for my family and friends, and also high school and all of the great opportunities that come with it. - Audrey Cho (14)

Thanksgiving is a time to think about what we're grateful for ... I'm grateful for history - how people made the world better for us to live in today. We have medicine and technology. Aiden McCready (9)

I am grateful for books. - Hava Kampe (10)

If I'm being honest it's my family. I don't feel as lonely when I'm with them. - Rachel (15)

I'm thankful for the amazing opportunities that I'm lucky enough to be granted. - Harley McGinnity (15)

I'm glad that I get to play at parks. - Darroch Fenton (9)

I am grateful for my faith and another chance to prove to family and friends that I can do better. - T. H. (20) Green Hill Resident

I'm grateful for my parents for everything they do for me, for food to eat every day and a roof over my head and for good books and good music. - Foster Schrader (19)

I am grateful for my life and to be able to wake up every morning. - G. L. (17) Green Hill Resident

I am thankful for my family, my parish, and for my youth group. Anonymous Teen

I'm grateful that I can see my cousins because everyone is vaccinated and healthy. I'm thankful that people care about the health of others.- Jack Gaffigan (16)

I'm grateful for my friends because they're nice and make me happy. - Riley Reardon (6)

I am grateful for my support system. - Matthieu LaTouche (14)

I'm thankful for my parents and my brothers and cousins, uncles and aunts and my two grandmothers my family and wonderful girlfriend Fatima and GiGi's playhouse. - Peter (21), GiGi's Playhouse NYC

I am grateful to have the very best mom. - J.S. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am thankful for my friends. - Maggie Craco (15)

I am grateful for everything that I have. I am grateful for the talents I possess and being able to share them. - Dolon (14)

I am grateful for all of the educational books. - F.V.C. (17) Green Hill Resident

I have been feeling really grateful for the kindness of strangers. - Emily Blumstein (23)

I am grateful for my health, the amazing community that I'm able to help and be a part of my family and my education. - Jesús Tiburcio-Zane (17)

I'm grateful for my family, friends and the great opportunities given to us this year. - José Vasquez (19)

I am grateful for my family traditions. - Marco Mantica (16)

I am grateful for the opportunity to graduate high school. - R.G. (18) Green Hill Resident

I'm very grateful for my family & for sports. - Shelby Fenton (16)

I am grateful for the library and our librarian. - J.S.C. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am thankful for the Steady Buckets basketball program... it teaches you to work harder not just in basketball, but in your overall life and you feel like you have a connection with the community. - Kalil Nasrani (13)

I am grateful for my family and the opportunities I have and the chance to experience so much. - Madeline (15)

I am grateful for my school. - Timothy Fitzpatrick (14)

I am grateful for my family and shelter to live a happy life. - Jake-Chang (12)

I am grateful for the love of my parents and my dog. - Ella Toboroff (13)

I'm thankful for drawing. - Parker Moras (6)

I'm grateful for my education and being able to have the opportunity to encounter new experiences! - Marre Gaffigan (18)

I am grateful for a second chance. C.G. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for Ms. Jackson taking her time to share the story of Dred Scott. - Haley (16)

I am grateful for my home and my dog who makes me happy even when I get sad. - Ted (11)

I am grateful to be alive. - T.A. (17) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my friends and family. - Olympia Hall (9)

I am thankful for Rock music! - Louis A Craco III (14)

I am thankful for my family and how good everyone is to me. Layla Vyas (5)

I am grateful to be at Green Hill instead of an adult prison. - X.C. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for the camaraderie amongst my basketball team, and for giving me the strength to always spare no effort. - Aidan Toboroff 15

I am grateful for family and friends who have stood by my side. - G.B. (17) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my classmates in med school because they make it bearable! - Alison Blumstein (23)

I am grateful for my family. - José Cerda (14)

I am grateful for my mother, wife, and life. - S.M. (19) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my friends. - Marianna (15)

I am grateful for being 10 now so I am brave and can watch scary movies. - Patrick Gaffigan (10)

I am grateful for the library. - C. C. (20) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for a big home. - Ezra Jensen (12)

I am grateful for school because school helps me learn. - Zuzu Hall (7)

I am grateful for my little sister who helps me a lot. - E.H. (19) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for sports and my family - Grant (14)

I am grateful for chicken. - Sable GiGi's Playhouse NYC

I am grateful for my mother's support. - M.M. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for the tour of the museum and that Ms. Jackson took the time to talk to us. - Lily (16)

I am grateful for my athleticism. - T.G. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my little brothers who are kind, sweet, and generous. - S.H. (19) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my cute little dog. - Anonymous Teen

I am grateful for my family and my mom. - Bowie Palacios (8)

I am grateful for a group home date. - J.S. (23) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for learning and sharing knowledge. - A.D. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am very grateful for my mom and to be healthy. - Sara (15)

I am grateful for family and friends and friendships at GiGi's Playhouse. - Safia, GiGi's Playhouse NYC

I am grateful for my partner. - O.G. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my health. - Ashary (15)

I am grateful for being alive right now. - Jimmy Sarmiento (17)

I'm grateful for my cat, family & friends. - Hannah Fenton (14)

I am grateful for family support and that they never gave up. - A.T. (18) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my couch because I can sit on it but I can also lay down. - Michael Gaffigan (11)

I'm thankful for when my sister plays with me. - Reese Moras (6)

I am grateful for my family who is there for me. - J.C. (17) Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my life and family. - Calliope Palacios (8)

I am grateful for the life I have right now. - Y.C. (17) Green Hill Resident

I am thankful for my cats and friends!! - Tristan Craco (18)

I am grateful for my family. - Evan Henry (11)

I am grateful for my family because I wouldn't be able to survive without them. - Payton Reardon (10)

I'm grateful for what God has given me. - Annie (15)

I'm grateful for the internet and my cat and internet cat memes. - Poe (15)

I'm grateful for all the opportunities my parents and teachers have given me. - JK (16)

I am grateful for music and food and people that take care of me like family and friends. - Katie (16)

I am grateful for my family. - Salvador (15)

I am grateful for music and sports. - MJ (16)

I am grateful for the experiences life has given me, good and bad. - N.R. (21)
Green Hill Resident

I am thankful for my family, my parish, and for youth group. - Anonymous Teen

I'm thankful for the support I have from my peers and the adults around me and teachers. - Ella (16)

I'm grateful for the roof above my head and my family. - Asad Akhter (11)

I am grateful for my various opportunities. - Mariana Turpin (14)

I am grateful for being alive. - Brady (16)

I am grateful for my friends and family. - Ashley Lewis (14)

I am grateful for my parents and to be alive – so many of my friends don't have parents like mine and many have not survived. - S.W. (19)
Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my mother. - Daniel Bags (16)

I am grateful for my friends. - Karl (16)

I'm grateful for my friend group and sports. - Ava (15)

I am grateful for my loving family. - Jesse Tarina-Mosca (13)

I am grateful for my life and school. - Sebastian Gonzalez (15)

I am grateful for food on the table. - Ganvain Hardouin (12)

I'm grateful I have lots of food, a house and water to drink. - Casey Fenton (5)

I am grateful for my friends. - Henry Rowe (14)

I am grateful for forgiveness. - O.H. (19)
Green Hill Resident

I am grateful for my family, the home I live in, and life. - Jessica Sarmiento (16)



Grateful for A New Day in Every Way:



Poems and Prose from friends around New York City!

Gratitude Note

By Zoha Irshad

Snoopy once said, enjoy the little things in life, one day they will become big things!!

I am thankful for all the little and big things in my life. I am thankful for my life which is filled with love from parents who always support me. It is also filled with love from my friends, who make me laugh when I'm feeling down. Some of them I met at school where I learned all about the universe from my teachers. I am also thankful for my house, where I live and my belongings are kept and also where I pray to Lord Allah, who guides me about right and wrong deeds and to be kind and humble for all the blessings He has provided us. I am thankful for my brain and good health that helps me operate in life. Brain that reminds us to choose the path of honesty, kindness, and stay positive in difficult times and count these blessings.

Zoha Irshad (8) is a Junior Member of MV4NY



Fresh Start

By Olympia Hall

Today is a fresh start!
Today I'm going to do my part...
... and say hello to a new neighbor
Today I'm going to do my part...
... and help my parents with chores
Today I'm going to do my part...
... to be nicer to my siblings
I'm going to do these things from my heart

Olympia Hall (9) is in the 4th grade at Sacred Heart. Olympia is also on the Youth Editorial Board of The Imagine Newsletter!



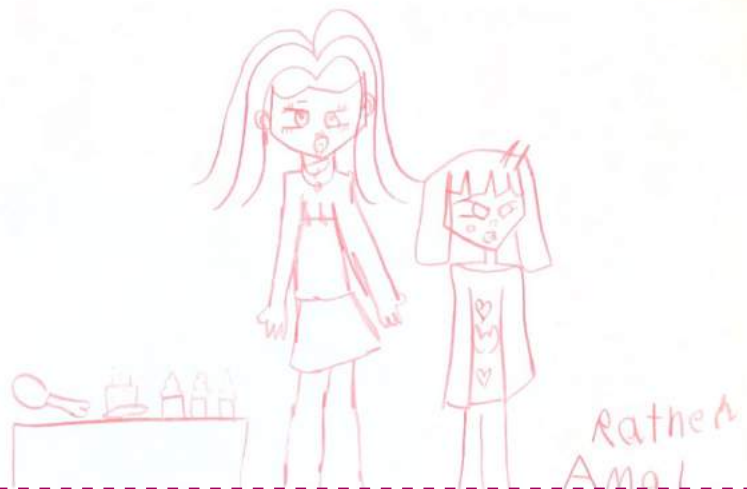
Grateful Person
by Salar Din

I'm grateful because I have a house
I'm grateful because of my family
I'm grateful I have friends
I'm grateful I am loved
I'm grateful I have proper education
I'm grateful that I am not sick
I'm grateful that I have sight
I'm grateful that I didn't miss my stop on the train
I'm grateful that I have a winter jacket
I'm grateful I have a car
I'm grateful for my eyes
I'm grateful I have nice teachers
I am grateful for my religion
I am grateful for Allah

Salar Din (10) is a Junior Member of MV4NY



I am thankful for my MOM
And good food



Amal Rather (7) is a Junior Member of MV4NY



The BOLD Team is grateful for all the light-makers that elevate kindness, empathy, and community towards the healing of our planet, one individual/group/school at a time. And The Imagine Society is one of the brightest lights!



Gratitude by Amal

Gratitude means being helpful, caring, loving, kind and even respectful and being honest. That means a lot to me. You can also be grateful for what you have and also don't make fun of people! I hope you learned what gratitude is. Love, Amal.

Amal (6) is a Junior Member of MV4NY



Gratitude

By Hanna M.

Gratitude means a lot to me. To me, it means being grateful, not complaining. It is a feeling of appreciation or thanks. It means not being greedy. It means not being jealous too often. Gratitude is a good trait to have.

Hanna (8) is a Junior Member at MV4NY

New Day New Beginnings

By Dashiell Hall

A new day makes me think about starting fresh. Me and my family recently moved in to a new apartment. At first, I was stressed. There were so many boxes to unpack, would our neighbors be nice? But, when we took things one by one out of their boxes and the dust settled, our new house became something I could call home. Fall is when I start school and it might seem scary to be moving into a new grade with new classes and new teachers and new students and I am not sure about what the future might hold, but I just have to remember that just like moving homes, if I take things one day at a time (like unpacking boxes) and give my life a chance, I might make a lot of memories and new friends and it might prove to be the best year of my life.

Dashiell Hall (11) is in 6th grade at The Gateway School



My Experience Working at The Ascension Food Pantry

By Shelby Fenton



I got the wonderful opportunity to work at The Ascension Food Pantry when I was visiting NYC. This change was a wonderful illustration of how hospitable the community is.

My mother, sister, and I felt a sense of community during the September food pantry. The environment was wonderful thanks to the amazing people there. There was obviously a lot of love and passion in the building. The experience was unlike anything I had before. It was a true honour to volunteer at The Ascension Food Pantry. This experience in New York City is just as priceless to me as any other. My time at the Food Pantry had given me more perspective and experience in life.

I had been given the jobs of distributing bags of produce, delivering hampers, and packing produce. I really enjoyed all of them and liked the unique parts of each one. Giving out bags of produce filled me with joy because I got to interact with people I wouldn't have usually had the chance to talk to. It was great to hear about their favourite foods or why oranges are special to them. Packing the fruits and vegetables gave me an opportunity to learn how many people this helps as there was a lot of food that needed to be organized and bagged. Delivering hampers had given me the chance to see what the neighbourhood was like and the people who lived there. All the jobs had given me new special experiences and memories.

It was truly astonishing to see the people who make the Ascension food Pantry happen. Everyone, there was not only kind but hard-working and encouraging. Seeing how hard Robin Kluebler works to organize and build the community was especially inspiring. This opportunity was truly an honour.

Thank you so much to everyone at The Ascension Food Pantry who made it such a special and astonishing time.



Shelby serving with compassion at the pantry!



Thank you Shelby for being such an exemplary Youth Leader!

Shelby Fenton (16) is the 11th Grade at St. Timothy's High School in Alberta, Canada. Shelby is also on the Youth Editorial Staff of The Imagine Society Newsletter!

The Ascension Food Pantry

By Hannah Fenton

My mom, sister and I went to New York and volunteered with The Imagine Society at The Ascension Pantry. When we got there we helped fold shirts, then we helped pack oranges into these red bags so the oranges would be easier to carry. The pantry even offered breakfast to the volunteers.

Then me and my sister were offered to go and deliver food to people that weren't able to go to The Ascension Pantry. We delivered the food and the people were kind and very nice, I felt really happy seeing the people get their food that they needed.

When we got back my sister helped hand out oranges, my mom handed out cans of soup and I helped collapse boxes. The pantry was a very kind and welcoming place that cared for the people who came to get food, they made sure that people got the food that they needed. We helped clean up after it was done by sweeping, helping pack the extra food and we said goodbye to the amazing people that dedicated their time to helping other people. When leaving I felt very happy that I got the chance to help other people.



The amazing volunteers at The Ascension Pantry!



Hannah (center), her sister Shelby (right) and mom Valentina (left). We are so grateful they are a part of The Imagine Society and made the trip to NYC!



Thank you Hannah for your dedication to compassionate service!

Hannah Fenton (14) is the 9th Grade at St. Timothy's High School in Alberta, Canada.

Grateful for Youth Service at The Ascension Pantry

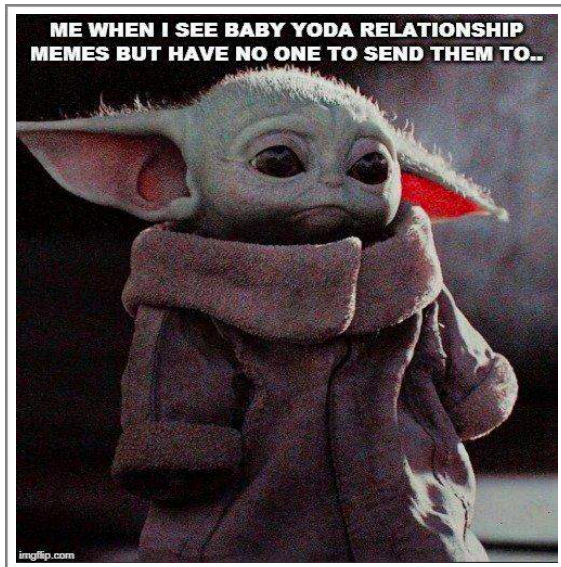
This past Saturday, so many extraordinary young people volunteered at The **Ascension** Food Pantry to help serve over 400 of their food insecure neighbors. It was bitterly cold, but what was truly heartwarming was seeing the dedication among youth volunteers who care deeply about service and serving some of the most vulnerable communities in New York City. The Ascension Pantry is the only 100% youth-led and youth-run pantry in NYC and it operates all year long. Youth volunteers were present from Cardinal Hayes, Holy Name, La Salle, Lehman College, Sacred Heart, St Ignatius, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, **Adirondack Creamery** and MV4NY to name just a few organizations and schools represented. Shout out to some special pantry partners - we had incredible community support from **Shaun Abreu's** council office for monetary donations to help fund pantry operations, pies from Booker T. Washington MS 54 students and PTA, hundreds of cans of corn and bags of flour from **Woolco Foods**, and an integral gravy donation thanks to Andres Prada and Eloy Rodriguez, Manager of Columbus Foodmarket at 81 West 104th Street. The students at Ascension collected tons of Thanksgiving donations that helped feed their community! They also made over 150 cards to send special holiday cheer to the pantry clients. The Girl Scouts from St. Ignatius made hundreds of bags of deliciously homemade cookies that they distributed with love at their very own table! Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the pantry this Saturday, an incredible day of service under the passionate direction of leader Robin Klueber! Please check out these links to help [donate](#) or [volunteer](#) at a future service!



FUN PAGES

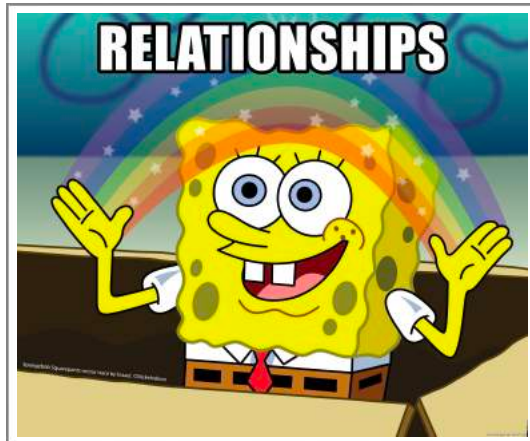


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Katie Gaffigan
(13)



Katie's
Fave
Memes
:)

Lol!



"When are relationships like algebra?"

When you look at your X and wonder Y."



WORD PLAY



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Celebrate a New Day Word Search

i s h o p e f u l p o s i t i v e f m p
l k r s c d z m b z i e b x k o r n r b
o a p x e u o p e c b o x r n u m l t r
a w r g p n l h c h i v r p x i m v x i
a n o s a b k a j e m d b j e u x c d g
g x m e u e l p e e z h e c o c y o j h
m l i b n n v p k r j c u a f b t o o t
m j s r g c s y o i z u k z l m x a r j
s o i m w l o h n n w z b m j i j c n i
o x n m h e n u i g k c b i k h s y i t
a p g y s c g t r n v y e a l d l t b d
s e t a t i o w i a e v x l w a n z i c
s c x i p d u n i l g a x b e t n b r c
u q h c m l h p f f j e g u h b b t e l
r p s e c i a x x i l o d o u e r y l l
e a b v e k s e a d d w b y c g y a w t
d r x z c r i t y i k e t a j t k g t f
k t d g y w f h i j b e n n t g c w c e
g y k e o l f u t c g o p t o h f p m r
t f w c b w k z l o r t m t r i u m p h

optimistic
confident
promising
cheering
hopeful
buoyant
happy

encouraged
celebrate
sunshine
jubilant
positive
bright

idealistic
expectant
cheerful
triumph
assured
party

ANSWER KEY

Celebrate a New Day Word Search

i s h o p e f u l p o s i t i v e f m p
 l k r s c d z m b z i e b x k o r n r b
 o a p x e u o p e c b o x r n u m l t r
 a w r g p n l h c h i v r p x i m v x i
 a n o s a b k a j e m d b j e u x c d g
 g x m e u e l p e z h e c o c y o j h
 m i l b n v p k r j c u a t b t o o t
 m j s r g c s y o i z u k z l m x a r j
 s o i m w l o h n w z b m j i j c n i
 o x n m h e n u i g k c b i k h s y i t
 a p g y s c g t r n v y e a l d l t b d
 s e t a t i o w i a e v x l w a n z i c
 s c x i p d u n i l g a x b e t n d r e
 u n g h c m l h p f j e g u h b d e l
 r e a b v e c i a x x i l o d o u e r y l l
 d r x z c r i t y i k e t a j t k g t f
 k t d g y w f h i j b e n n t g c w c e
 g y k e o l f u t e g o p t o h f p m r
 t f w c b w k z l o r t m t r i u m p h

- idealistic
- expectant
- cheerful
- triumph
- assured
- party
- encouraged
- celebrate
- sunshine
- joyful
- positive
- bright
- optimistic
- confident
- promising
- cheering
- hopeful
- buoyant
- happy