

# THE IMAGINE SOCIETY

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SPECIAL ISSUE CELEBRATING **WE DESERVE A FUTURE!**  
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"I have learned you are never  
too small to make a difference."

- Greta Thunberg

## Humanity Deserves a Future

by Louis A. Craco III

Why do we need a future? That's a very deep question. We did not make the Earth. God is the creator of the Earth and Humanity, and also the creator of Harmony and Peace. Some people might not believe in God, but at least they do believe in Life. Currently, Humanity is in a chaotic mess. We are in peril.

There is an ancient mention in the Bible giving information about the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Understanding their names will



Our friends at LaGree Baptist Church and their annual "Back to School Supply Giveaway" supporting the educational future of students in The Bronx community!

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bring us more understanding of what they do, so that good will triumph over evil. Their names are Death, Famine, War and Conquest. My grandmother told me about something she read, that a fifth Horseman could be identified as US! The bible says, "You are dust and unto dust you shall return". That's so true, because the soil and water of the Earth keep getting used over and over for Life. If everything that ever lived was still alive, there wouldn't be enough Earth to hold it all. It would be the end of the Earth! There must be Death, but not violent death, like War (hideous!), Famine (cruel!) and Conquest (which is evil, like bullying!). There are many ways to die. Death can be natural and in Harmony and Peace. And our legacy will live on.



The world might be covered with Humanity, but there is a lot of pollution that is around our air and water. Heat and gasoline and anything like that can kill us. Our garbage is affecting the ocean and the marine life that lives there. This is part of the chaotic mess. We don't want the Earth to be extinct like the animals from millions of years ago.



We can refresh the Earth without violence. A solution to save Humanity is not focusing into the past. The future is always waiting even if things are in your way. If we don't want Humanity to perish, we must agree that we can protect the planet. Talk is cheap, we must act on it. The Fifth Horseman really can be US, not to destroy the Earth but to save it! Birth of the Earth! We have Triumph in our blood! Dignity in our bones! Courage in our DNA!

Louis A. Craco III  
10th Grade  
Cooke School  
Self Advocate for  
Down Syndrome

Thank you Louis for your inspirational and thought-provoking essay!

Louis (right) with friend, fellow Down syndrome Advocate and Imagine Society Leader Emery Brown (left)!

**Louis A. Craco III (14) is in the 10th grade at Cooke School. Louis is also on the Youth Editorial Staff at The Imagine Society Newsletter!**

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# Introducing New Youth Member of Imagine Newsletter Editorial Staff!

We are so excited to give a big Imagine Society welcome to our newest member of **The Imagine Society Newsletter** Editorial Staff - the amazing **Audrey Cho** (14)!

Audrey has been a part of **The Imagine Society** for over three years now, and we are so thankful that she shares her incredible talents with our community. We first met Audrey when she started creating thoughtful artwork for our #MessagesOfLove campaign at the height of the pandemic for homebound seniors, hospital patients isolated from their families, and frontline hospital workers struggling to get through the day. About to enter her sophomore year in high school, Audrey loves all forms of art, from classical music to the visual. In her free time she plays "the piano and violin, draws and does calligraphy." She also makes time to volunteer locally and loves studying foreign languages and literature.

"**The Imagine Society** has been a place for me to share the art closest to my heart for three years now. Being able to contribute my voice to it, now as staff member, means a lot to me because it was an organization that was there for me during the pandemic -- it always gave me a virtual space to contribute my ideas and art, even when we were in lockdown. Now, even as that emergency is over, I have remained a contributing member to **The Imagine Society**, and will always be grateful to it for giving me the chance to express myself to a community who is always willing to listen."

Welcome Audrey! We are so proud to have you join the editorial team, so we can continue to build the newsletter together, and you can share your extraordinary gifts to the world!




"I'm passionate about all creative endeavors, and I'm always trying to become a better artist, musician, thinker, and contributor to the world." - Audrey

Welcome  
Audrey!

Check out page 5 for some of Audrey's artwork inspired by this issue's theme!



For All The Days to Come  
by Olympia Hall




It's going to take more than just one  
To get things done

All these fires burning our land  
Our future depends on a helping hand

Landfills are giving off so much pollution  
Everybody pitching in, could be the solution

Our glaciers are melting faster and faster  
But if we work together we could start a new chapter

Our earth is our ground...  
So, for all the days to come,  
let's make it safe and sound



Wow! What an incredibly powerful poem Olympia!

***Olympia Hall (10) is in the 5th grade at Sacred Heart. Olympia is also on the Youth Editorial Staff at The Imagine Society Newsletter!***



We Deserve a Future  
By Audrey Cho



# Pollution

by Zuzu Hall



"The future of our earth scares me. This image makes me think about the solution on our planet right now." - Zuzu

We are so impressed with this artwork! Thank you Zuzu!

Zuzu Hall (8) is in the 3rd grade at Sacred Heart



# The Dragoners of Destiny

by Hava K.

Hava K. (11) is a 6th grader.

What  
a  
beautiful  
illustration  
Hava!

# ! ! ! Youth-led Service in Action! ! !

Summer might be winding down, but the dedicated youth-led service at **The Ascension Food Pantry** is always ramping up! Serving over 300 food insecure families every month is no easy task, but it is handled smoothly and professionally by the extraordinary young people that run this critical food pantry in uptown NYC. Thank you to all the youth volunteers from organizations such as **The Boy Scouts**, and schools including **La Salle Academy**, **Marymount** and **West End Secondary School**, for serving with "respect and dignity" as director **Robin Klueber** always says! Thank you to the inspirational generosity of **Woolco Foods** for your critical food donations month after month to the pantry clients. **The Imagine Society** is also committed to helping support equity in education for underserved kids around NYC and thanks to two anonymous donors and our friends from **Fenton Gals Beading** we were able to provide school essentials for the children that wait in line for the pantry with their families.


At **The Imagine Society**, our mission is to nurture youth service and volunteerism, while serving some of our most vulnerable communities and neighbors. We are 100% volunteer driven, and committed to help foster the future compassionate leaders of tomorrow. Check out this link to **DONATE** to help support our work and programming!






# FUN PAGES


DO SOMETHING TODAY  
THAT YOUR  
FUTURE SELF  
WILL  
THANK YOU FOR.



accept your past without regret

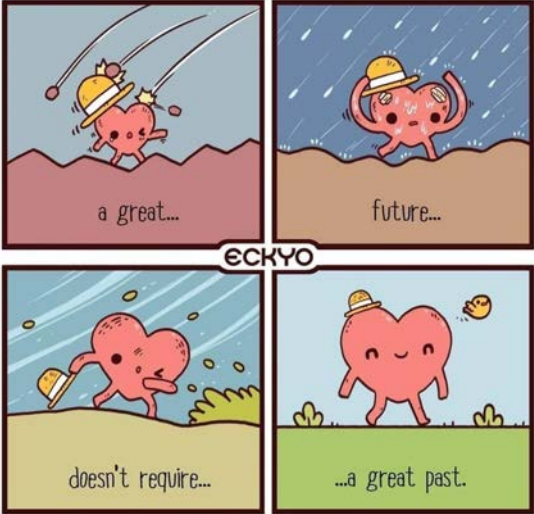


handle your present with confidence



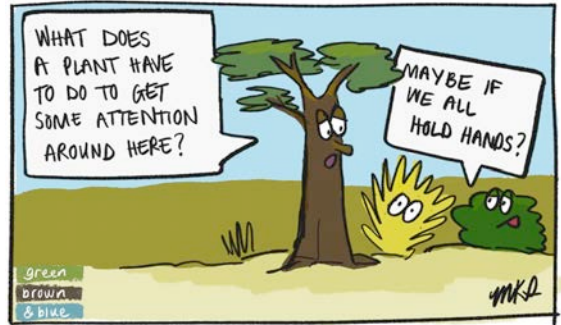
and face your future without fear.  
Happy Monday's Kawaii

Edited by  
Youth Leader  
Katie Gaffigan  
(14)



a great... future...  
ECKYO  
doesn't require... ...a great past.

Katie's  
Fave  
Memes  
:)  
Lol!



WHAT DOES A PLANT HAVE TO DO TO GET SOME ATTENTION AROUND HERE?  
MAYBE IF WE ALL HOLD HANDS?  
green brown & blue MKD




I have hope for the future, Mae.  
We start small...  
We find helpers...  
And in time we do big things.  
green brown & blue



# WORD PLAY



WHAT I AM TRYING  
TO CULTIVATE IS NOT  
BLIND OPTIMISM...  
BUT RADICAL HOPE.

- JUNOT DIAZ

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(14)



"This is not  
a one time thing,  
this is our entire  
future."

#gretathunberg  
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## "We Deserve a Future" Word Scramble

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NIENOEMRTNV \_\_\_\_\_

TERFUU \_\_\_\_\_

NUTLOPLOI \_\_\_\_\_

LETUONVRE \_\_\_\_\_

HMTINYUA \_\_\_\_\_

URNETA \_\_\_\_\_

TASEISENL \_\_\_\_\_

OCNUMMIYT \_\_\_\_\_

AMASAODRBS \_\_\_\_\_

TYSEIDN \_\_\_\_\_

LOIUNOST \_\_\_\_\_

# ANSWER KEY

## "We Deserve a Future" Word Scramble

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SOLUTION

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DESTINY

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AMBASSADOR

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COMMUNITY

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ESSENTIAL

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NATURE

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HUMANITY

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VOLUNTEER

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POLLUTION

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FUTURE

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