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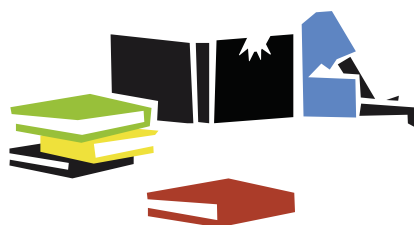
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Class 604 dedicates this book to:

Our families for their unconditional love and support and our South Bronx community who has given us so much. It was a privilege to imagine ways to give back to the community we call home. Thank you to our ELA teacher, Ms. Henderson, for pushing us to work hard and become better readers and writers, the Behind the Book organization, especially our teacher, Ms. Berry for teaching us about refugee camps and about how valuable nonprofit organizations are to our society. We always looked forward to our time together! To Omar Mohamed, for sharing your story with us, and for giving us the confidence to believe that we can make a difference in the world we live in and to Victoria Jamieson for helping us to understand how illustrations can tell a story and for spending time with us to share some drawing techniques that we were able to add to our book.

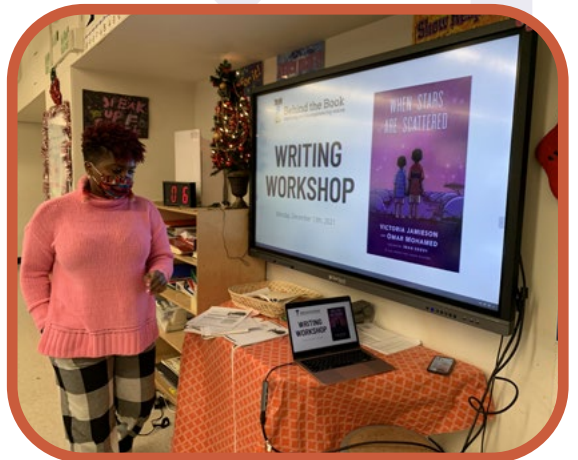
ABOUT THE PROGRAM

How can people create organizations to address important issues?

The sixth-grade students in Ms. Henderson's class examined nonprofit organizations addressing critical issues beginning with the situation faced by refugees. They read *When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed to learn about the hardships faced by young people who are forced to leave their homes. The powerful graphic novel tells Omar's life story as a Somali boy growing up in a refugee camp in Kenya.

Victoria visited the class virtually, vividly describing the background and inspiration for the book. The class saw a video of the adult Omar discussing his early life and his current work as both a founder of Refugee Strong, a nonprofit providing educational resources to refugee children in Kenya and, working locally to help resettle refugees in the U.S.

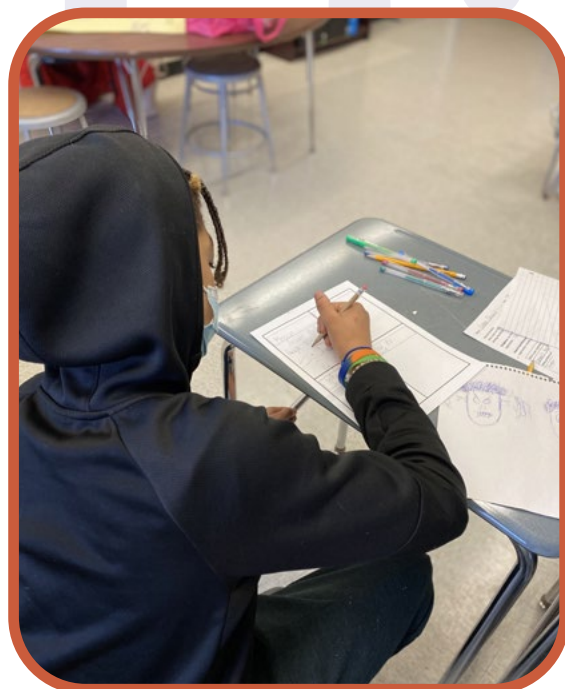
Through several writing and research workshops, the class investigated issues confronting different refugee groups.



To learn more about nonprofits developed to improve conditions in their communities, the class talked to Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario, founder and executive director of Art and Resistance Through Education (ARTE). Students collaborated with her to create names and mission statements for their dream nonprofits. They considered what problems exist in their communities and how they could create organizations to improve their lives. Homelessness and safe afterschool programs were some of the ideas students considered for their nonprofits.

The class continued their exploration of community-based nonprofits by creating infographics detailing the mission statements of their intended organizations.

The stories of people like Omar and Marissa greatly inspired the class. In many ways, this program helped them consider specific ways to work toward improving life for people in their own neighborhoods and around the world.



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**CLASS
604**

Zahmir's Food Organization

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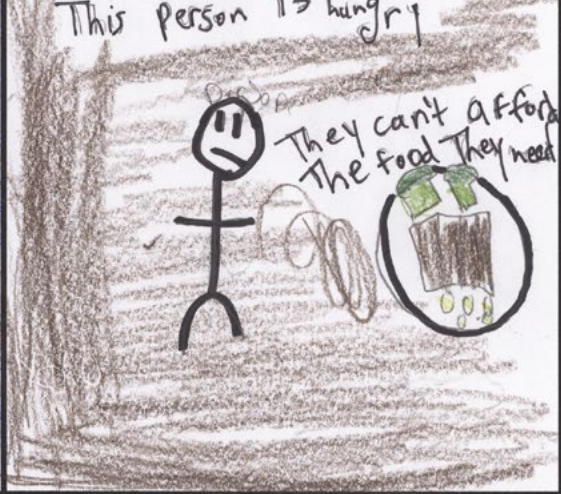
Zahmir

Zahmir's Food Organization is going to help end world hunger. A lot of people need money for food. I will serve people like that by fundraising. After we finish doing the fundraiser we will buy food and give it to the needy. My organization is going to try making a shelter so these people have a roof over their heads. We have all the foods and support for you!

Mission



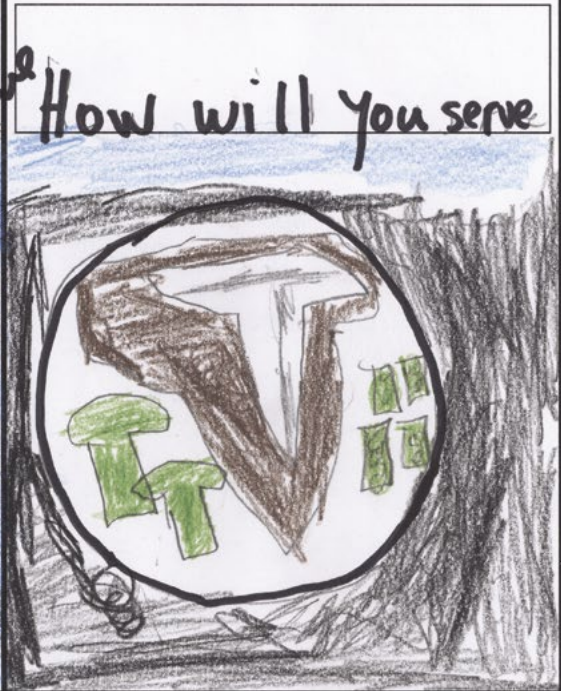
Problem



Who will you serve



How will you serve



Underwater Cleaners

By:

Elian

Here, at Underwater Cleaners we hope to clean the ocean and beaches around the world, our hired workers go picking up garbage all over the beach, boats go around picking trash, freeing sea animals from plastic and setting them free, because that's our mission.

MISSION



PROBLEM



WHO we serve



How we serve



The Help Center

By:

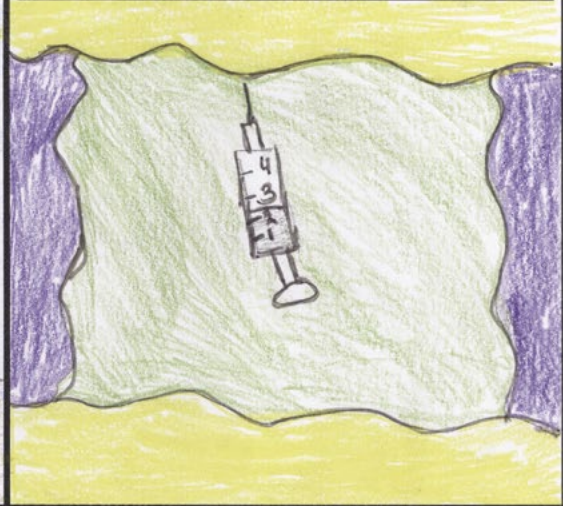
Tanoi

My organization is called The Help Center. Our goal is to help and cheer up people with cancer. I want to serve people with all types of cancer, because it can be sad and lonely when you're sick. We will serve by organizing a small group of kids from the community who will visit people with cancer and cheer them up with our love.

MISSION



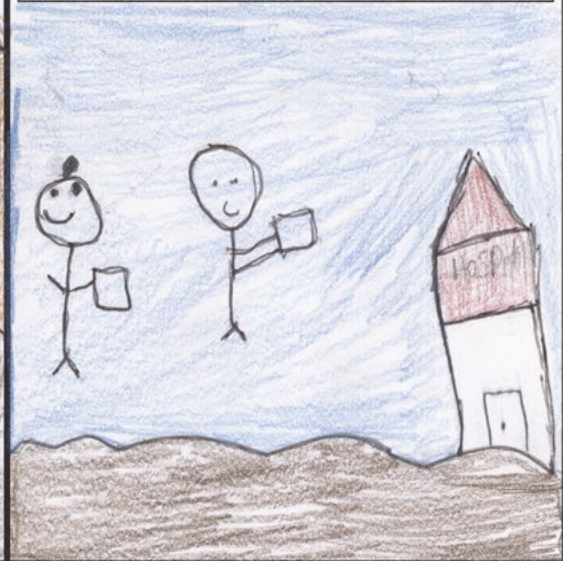
PROBLEM



Who you serve?



How you serve



Jayden's Homeless Shelter

By:

Jayden

Our mission is to reduce the homeless people we see on the street. There are too many homeless in New York City. At Jayden's Homeless Shelter, we will provide a hot meal, food, water and a blanket monthly.

We'll also offer them a shower if needed. We want them to feel loved and as if they had a house and know they can depend on our organization.

Mission: Helping all homeless people in the South Bronx

Problem: There are too many homeless people.



Who you serve: The homeless people on the street.

How you serve: Give them a hot meal.



Zaria's Health & Care

By:

Zaria

Zaria's Health and Care is going to be about helping the homeless kids and adults. The Organization will serve people giving them a warm meal and a good bed to sleep in. I will serve them until they get back on their feet. The plan is to inform residents by printing flyers and giving locations so they can find their way to us.

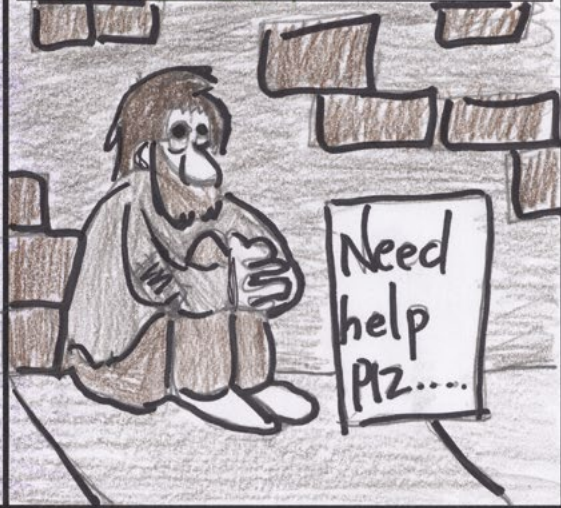
The homeless should be able to have help. It is not fair that they have to starve because they don't have money. New York should give the homeless help so they can get back on their feet.

Mison

MISSION

HELP THE HOMELESS

Problem



Serve



How you serve

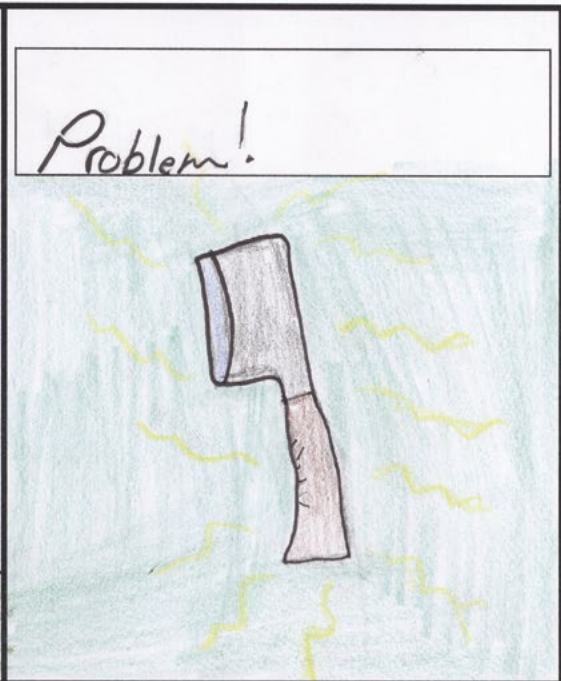


The Tree Center

By:

Jayla

Welcome to The Tree Center. Don't you just wonder, what will we do if we lose our oxygen because people are cutting down trees? Well this company stops that from happening. Go follow us @Tree-Center. Donate money to stop this. We will stop these companies from cutting off our oxygen, by protesting and organizing as a community.



Oceans Savers

By:

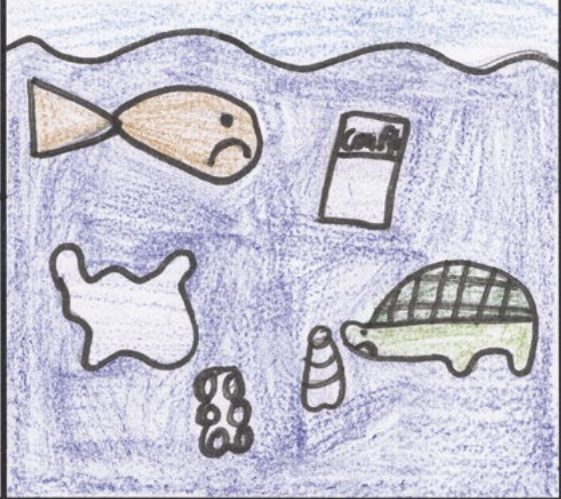
Zara

In Ocean Savers our goal is to help clean the Ocean, and help ocean animals. We recruit people who have the same goal as us, to help ocean animals to live a better life. We want the Ocean to be clean, and ocean animals to swim, eat, and live in peace. Every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 we will be cleaning everything we can. And on weekends we will make donations to other organizations that also clean the Ocean.

Mission



Problem



Who we serve



How we serve



Empower Homeless Through Community Service

By:

Lason

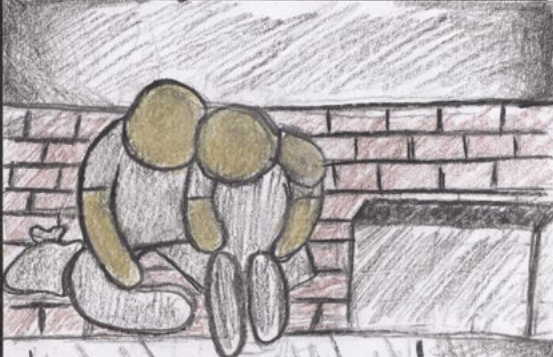
My organization's name is "Empower Homeless Through Community Service," and it's about helping the homeless survive through their struggle and hunger. My organization will serve the homeless and hungry citizens of New York City. The way we will serve is by giving food 2 days a week. We will also help them through battles and try to find them shelter and homes.

Mission

Empower Homeless
through Community
Service



Problem



Homeless Are Starving
Everyday

Who you Serve



Homeless

How you Serve



Giving food and
Shelter

Food is Your Destiny

By:

Destiny

Food is your Destiny mission is to give away food to anyone that need. who food is your Destiny will serve all people in the south Bronx. Food is your Destiny will give out food every week, we will give fruit at the end of the month. Food is your Destiny will give a hot meal like hot doges and more. Food is your Destiny goal is to make sure everyone has food in your stomach.

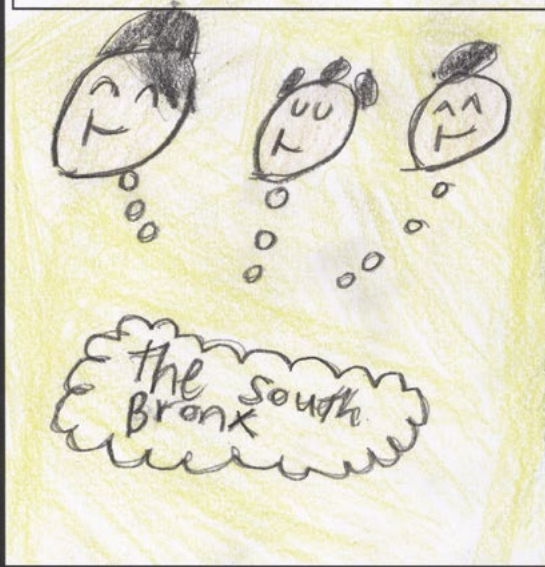
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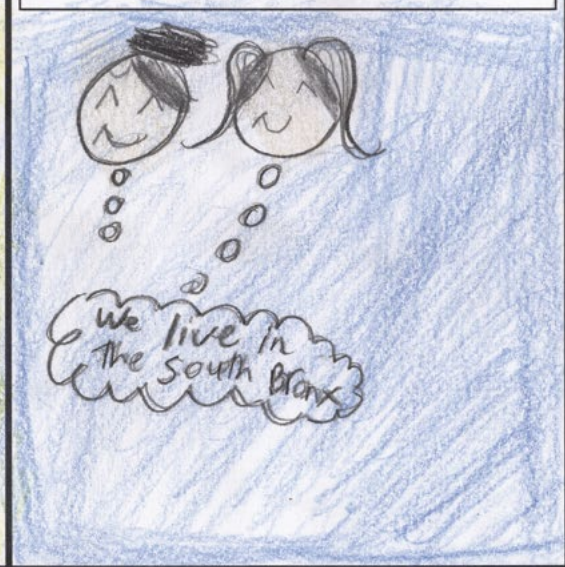
problem



How will I serve



Who will I serve



Arielle's Helping Hands

By:

Arielle

My organization gives people a helping hand when they need it. We clean their homes but mostly help people that hoard. Hoarding is when people collect things and have a hard time throwing things away. Lots of the times it's because hoarders struggle with depression or another social issue. When they are ready to clean it up they can not because they piled it up for years until it becomes too much. My organization gives people a helping hand

Mission



Problem



Who you serve

All
People

How you serve



Malik's Rehab

By:

Malik

MY Organization, 'Malik's Rehab' will help people with smoking, drug abuse, and other addictions, such as drinking. We will serve the people in the community to give support people with addiction. We want addicts to quit with what they were doing so our staff will serve as sponsors offering advice and support. Then this could continue on and on and maybe, just maybe, drug abuse and drinking abuse will stop happening.

The Parker Organization

By:

Devorn

my organization is called the Parker organization and we focus on giving people with cancer the best life they can have every day. We will give them food, medicine and shelter. We will give them simple resources to survive. We will hopefully raise enough money for a cure for cancer. We will help them find a new way to live their lives.

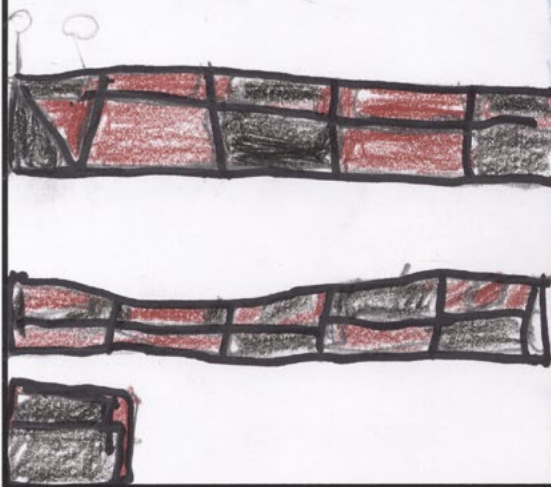
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cancer and give
food and shelter



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hopefully find a
cure



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and give us shelter to
the cure time to get



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the vaccine each
month the time the
we send them back



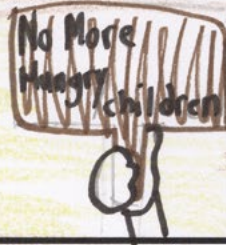
No Hungry Children

By:

Joli

No Hungry Children is going to help the problem of Hunger, In the South Bronx, Children Especially. The organization will serve Children, Teenagers, and Adults by offering a hot cooked meal once a month to those in need. We plan to Inform residents about the Monthly details, Menu and location on Instagram. At No Hungry Children we strive to show people that their community cares about helping the hungry.

Mission: Help the problem of Hunger In The south Bronx



Problem: Hunger In south Bronx



Who you serve: children Teenagers and Adult



People like you

How I serve: By offering hot cooked meals a Month for people In need.



Treatment of Advanced Physical and Psychological Issues T.A.P.P.I.

By:

Max

At T.A.P.P.I., we will treat people with physical or psychological issues such as being paralyzed, blind/deaf, or having mental disorders. Our mission is to build things that help the disabled all across the South Bronx because there are not enough things helping the disabled like wheelchair ramps, ect. We will start fundraisers to raise money so we can build these things all over the South Bronx.

Mission: Help people with disabilities



Treatment of Advanced Physical and Psychological Issues

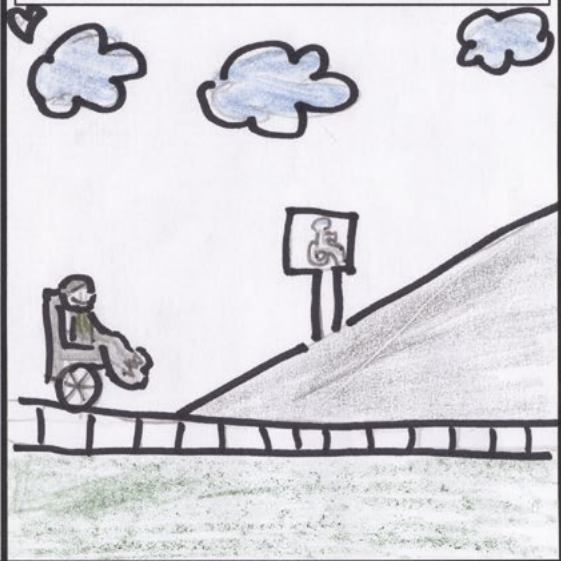
Problem: There are not enough things helping the disabled.



Who we serve: People with disabilities



How we serve: We build services for the disabled



Gerardo Health Care

By:

Gerardo

My organization's name is called "Gerardo's Health Care." Our mission is to help the unhealthy be healthy and stay healthy. We serve unhealthy people by telling them what they should eat what they should not eat. We'll also help them to be more active.

Mission



Stay healthy
Be healthy

Problem



Who YOU serve

Unhealthy
People

How YOU serve



Waves of the Sea

By:

Nazeyah

Waves of The World is going to help the problem of garbage in the sea. people throw about 10,000 pieces of garbage a month in the waters. And that's not all! People don't know that it kills the earth slowly.

Waves of the world will meet weekly and we will gather all the garbage found on shores and throw it where it belongs. Together, we will save the earth.

This is one powerful way that we can help to help save our water and the lives that live within the sea. This is the waves of the seas!

Mission:

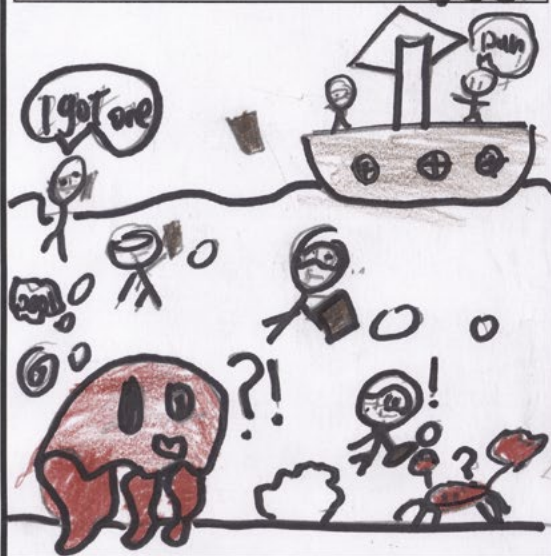
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THE
SEA!



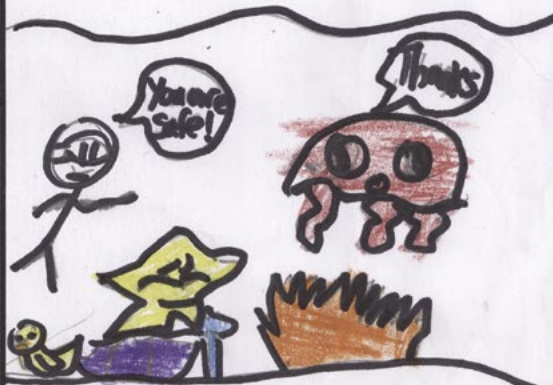
Problem:



How we will serve:



Who will we serve?



Jhomar's Food Organization

By:

Jhomar

Jhomar's food organization will help people who can't afford food in the South Bronx. We will save children and adults. Our location will be open 2 days a week. We will put the information on Facebook, Instagram and will put posters around South Bronx. At Jhomar's Food Organization we strive to change world hunger.

Mission: To help people who cant afford food In the south Bronx



Problem: People In the South bronx cant afford Meals.



Who will you serve Children & Adults



How I serve: Make a spot thats open 2 days a week for people, and share that spot on Social Media.



@StopHunger

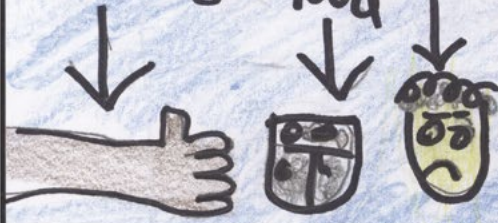
By:

Sabastian

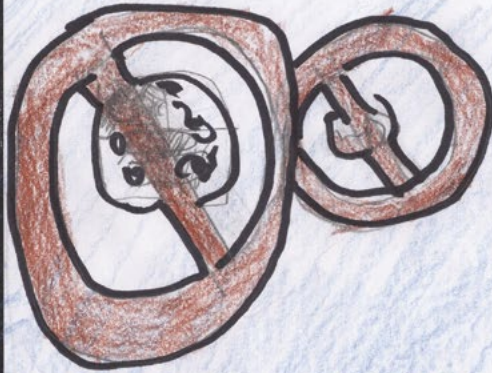
Sabastians organization @stopHunger will stop world hunger in the south bronx. the mission is to help people that are homeless with no suplies to give them food in the south bronx. the mission is to help people that are homeless with no suplics to give them food in the south bronx. the problem is the homeless people starring in the south bronx. I will serve the homeless people in the south bronx with no food. I will serve by driving a car in the south bronx and when i see the homeless in the south bronx i give them food. world hunger needs to stop.

Mission

Giving food Homeless



Problem



Who will you serve?



How will you serve?



Help the Homeless

By:

Damian

My organization's is to help homeless people by giving them homes so they don't have to sleep on the streets or in shelters, so they live better lives.

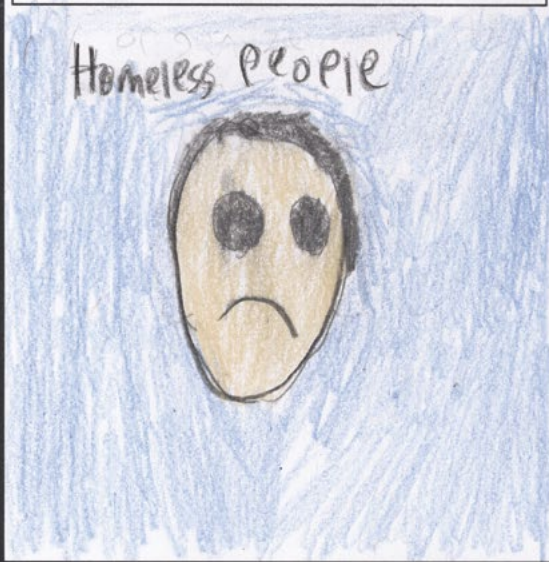
Mission



Problem



Who You Will Serve



How You Will Serve



ABOUT THE VISITING AUTHOR



Victoria Jamieson is a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of books for children. Her graphic novel *Roller Girl* was awarded a 2016 Newbery Honor. Her newest graphic novel, *When Stars Are Scattered*, co-written with Omar Mohamed, was a National Book Award finalist. She lives with her family in Pennsylvania.

ABOUT THE STUDENT AUTHORS

Class 604 at the South Bronx Academy for Applied Media, consists of 19 motivated, enthusiastic, dedicated, intelligent achievers! This year has been very exciting for Class 604. Not only is it their first year in middle school, with new teachers and new classmates, but for many of them, this is their first year back to in-person learning. The opportunity to engage in learning with their peers in a classroom setting has been very fulfilling and fun! With this positive spirit, Class 604 has embraced middle school and welcomed each new experience that has come their way.

At the beginning of the school year, they engaged in SBAAM's Speak up For Justice Unit, which allowed them the opportunity to not only learn about injustices in our society, but also explore different outlets to have their voices heard as agents of change. Through their Behind the Book experience, they got the chance to expand their critical and intellectual skills through literature. *When Stars are Scattered* was an instant class favorite and many couldn't put the book down! The author, Omar Mohamed, through his story about the trials and tribulations of day- to- day life as a Somalian refugee, gave them the inspiration to imagine their own nonprofit organizations and take time to think about what they would do, if given the chance, to help others for the betterment of our society. These spirited scholars and youth activists are sure to make our world a better place!

ABOUT BEHIND THE BOOK

Behind the Book brings authors and their books into classrooms to build literacy skills and foster a community of lifelong readers and writers. Working with classes from Pre-K through 12th grade, our series of workshops is designed to bring books to life and inspire students to reach their full potential. Behind the Book is embedded in the class curriculum, nurtures critical thinking, creativity, and self-confidence in New York City public school students. All programs meet the Next Generation Learning Standards.

NEXT GENERATION LEARNING STANDARDS ADDRESSED

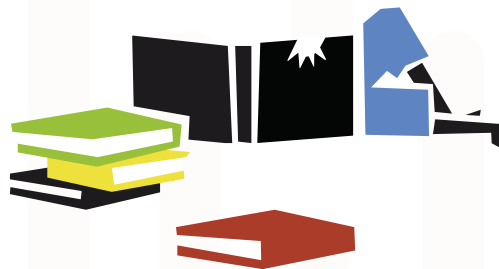
6R2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is developed by key supporting details over the course of a text; summarize a text.

6W3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective techniques, descriptive details and sequencing.



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