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THE IMAGINE SOCIETY



SPECIAL **COURAGEOUS** KIDS QUARANTINE EDITION VOLUME 3!



"You may not always have a comfortable life
and you will not always be able to solve
all the world's problems at once
but don't ever underestimate the importance you
can have because history has shown us that
COURAGE CAN BE CONTAGIOUS
and hope can take on a life of its own."
-Michelle Obama

COURAGE HEALS

By Alessia Turner (15) The Chapin School of New York

In these difficult times, we are really able to see the best of humanity shine through. From healthcare workers who get up to work yet another 24 hour shift, to grocery workers keeping our shelves stocked, people in our community are working hard to protect us and keep us safe. It takes a lot of courage and selflessness for these people to put their lives at risk in order to save others. Although there is a lot of science and chemistry behind this virus, there is also humanity behind it. During this pandemic the fate of our peers and community has been put upon us as a society. There is only so much medicine can do without our community taking action as well. It requires effort and it requires courage to take action and do our parts to stop this pandemic from continuing to spread.



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However, there are countless courageous actions that have already been taken that should set an example for our community. There is one story in particular that I read about that really struck me and made me understand how courage ties into this worldwide crisis. This courage came from a 90-year old woman who was sick from Covid-19. This woman was from Belgium and was in critical condition since she had preexisting lung conditions. Doctors were treating her amongst the other patients in critical condition and therefore had planned to put her on a ventilator. However, this woman refused the ventilator and told the doctors to instead give it to a younger patient, while she was aware that there was a shortage of ventilators due to this virus. This woman stated that, "I had a good life, keep this for the younger." I amongst others was truly struck by this woman's selflessness and compassion towards others. Even in the critical condition that she was in, she decided to give hope to someone else and put others' needs before her own. This act of courage was an extreme one, but even smaller acts of charity can make a large difference. It's essential for our community to find courage within ourselves and lift each other up. Whether it's treating patients at a hospital, offering to safely buy groceries for a neighbor, or even just staying home and social distancing, every act of courage counts and will help our world heal for and survive this pandemic.

Follow Saint Patrick's Warriors on Instagram! @warrioryouthnyc

Know anyone that needs help right now?

The New York City Department of Education may be able to assist!

The NYC Department of Education is committed to making
three free meals available daily for any New Yorker.

Available at more than 400 Meal Hubs across the city.

Pick up at all Meal Hubs 7:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday

Meals Hubs will operate for children and families from 7:30 am to 11:30 am,
and for adults from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

No one will be turned away at any time.

All adults and children can pick up three meals at one time

Vegetarian and halal options available at all sites

No dining space is available, so meals must be eaten off premises

Parents and guardians may pick up meals for their children

No registration or ID required

Find nearby locations using their Meal Hub tool online!

For more information go to:

schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/free-meals



SPOTLIGHT ON!

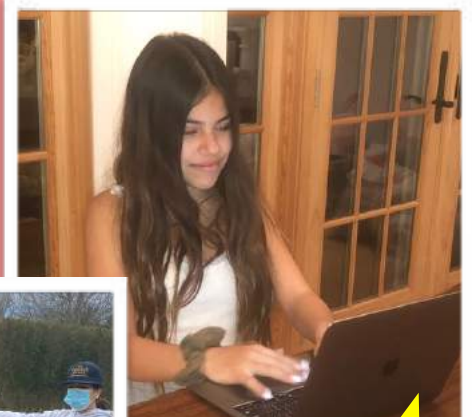
Spotlight on Samantha and JT Sheeler!

Samantha is the adult leader of our

#MaskedMiracles

committee and with logistical support from her daughter JT (14), she drove to Costco last week and fulfilled the items on the high needs shopping list for Siena House Shelter, Ascension Food Pantry and Mount Sinai Hospital! In full PPE and practicing social distancing, Samantha spent all day shopping and delivering items to our heroes on the front lines of WW-C. Imagine Teen, JT, organized the lists of items, provided an accounting of expenses and even hosed off the "Imagine Truck" when her mom arrived at home.

Thank you Samantha and JT!



Spotlight on Robin Klueber!

Robin Klueber is truly an angel on this earth. Working with a skeleton crew of volunteers and a dramatic reduction in donations, Robin continues to operate the Spirit Squad's teen created food pantry and provides support and shelter to the homeless men of CAMBA and Olivieri. Robin always finds a way to help, whether she is on the phone with the Mayor's office, or delivering groceries to the elderly and food insecure. She sets an example for all youth group leaders with her endless courage, compassion, and generosity.

Thank you Robin!





#FoodForFearless



On March 30th, The Imagine Society launched the campaign **#FoodForFearless** raising funds to provide meals for medical personnel at New York City hospitals Mt Sinai East and Mt Sinai West with the goal of expanding to hospitals across the city. They've been able to book food trucks and deliver meals from NYC restaurants and food trucks including Shake Shack, Gary's Steaks, Souvlaki GR and Wafels and Dinges. These front line heroes lined up practicing safe social distancing and enjoyed a well deserved meal. Serving these brave men and women is a small way we can show our support and gratitude for all their bravery taking care of our city and our loved ones.

Lily Vaysman (17, Stuyvesant High School), Elle Ferretti-Gray (14, Avenues the World School) provided essential help to get this program organized. Special shout out to Leslie Schlachter, PA-C at Mt Sinai Hospital @brainyleslie, for being so amazing through it all.

For more information and if you would like to help please visit: theimagesociety.org/donate/

Happy #FoodFor-Fearless launch!

You too!!



Waiting line social distancing



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IMAGINE CLUB HELPS OUT ON THE FRONT LINES!

Imagine Club member Alison Blumstein (20), was home like most kids doing her online school work (Pre-Med at The University of Miami) when Dr. Stephen Smith, of the Smith Infectious Disease Group in Livingston, NJ, asked her to help scribe from home.

She will be documenting patient history, procedures, lab results, radiographic impressions, and plans for course of treatment as dictated by Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners.

Way to go Alison!



SPOTTED ON THE STREET!

Julia (age 9) says
THANK YOU to her community!
Sent in by friend of
The Imagine Society
James Conaboy



If you have a story, would like to share something great that you or your group is doing, would like to contribute to the next Imagine Society Newsletter or even be a guest editor please email us at outreach@theimagesociety.org

#Messagesof

#PeekaBooICU

There are many people in the ICU who are very sick and are not allowed visitors or family to give them words of encouragement.

We are asking you at home to help us by creating notes and pictures on regular 8.5 x 11" paper with large lettering that can be seen across a room from a bed. Take a photo of your messages and drawings and email them to us at

Outreach@theimagesociety.org

The nurses and medical personnel at Mount Sinai Hospital NYC will print them out in color and hang them on the wall of the ICU in the eye line of the patients.



You can **create an original or use one of our templates on page 10** to color in bright colors and sign your name!

#MessagesOf

Cardinal Cook's ArchCare home is looking for help for their "Inspirational hour!"

These residents have had no visitors nor volunteers for at least a month,

help put a smile on someone's face! We're looking for more messages of love for The Chaplain to share after Mass.

A letter, a quote, a joke, a poem, a story! Please sign it with your name and age then email submissions to: Larucci@nyc.rr.com

Thank you Gina Larucci for leading this campaign!



Thanks to Katie Gaffigan (10) The Marymount School of New York for ALL THE ARTWORK on this page!

Shout out to Jack Gaffigan (14)
Avenues the World School,
for his submission to
#Messagesof 
Awesome work Jack!

Dear You,

Yes you. I am talking to you. You don't know me, and I don't know you, but I want to tell you something:

You are awesome.

I know it must be really terrible for you to be isolated from your family during this awful pandemic that the whole world is going through, but I know that you mean a lot to someone and they really miss you.

You are someone's mother, father, grandma, or grandpa, niece or nephew, son or daughter or friend, and you are loved.

I love you.

I hope you don't think that's weird of me to say, but since we are both human, I feel like we are kinda family.

We ARE family.

We are part of the human family. We are all in this together.

I'll make you a deal: If you stay strong, I will stay strong too.

I won't get scared. Well, maybe I'll get a little scared, but then I will think about you and how I told you to stay brave and strong, and then I will be brave and strong too. I don't want to be a hypocrite.

I might even think about you and smile a little knowing that even though I'm in here, and you're in there, we are both going through this and we are going to be alright.

I hope you might smile too.

Love, Jack Age 14

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FUN PAGES

Good News!

The Easter Bunny has been declared an essential worker in New Zealand, Michigan and New Hampshire! :)

ROFL!

Why didn't the sick guy get the joke?
It FLU over his head!

Why did the house go to the doctor?
Because it had a window pane!



THE COVID-19 CHRONICLES

"HANDSHAKE ALTERNATIVES"



Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine



The "wave"



The Thai "wai"



The "elbow"

Dad: Wanna hear a joke?

Daughter: Sure.

Dad: Knock Knock

Daughter:

Dad: Knock Knock

Daughter:

Dad: You're supposed to say who's there.

Daughter: I don't care **who's there** I'm not opening the door during a pandemic.

*Thanks @NewDadNotes

