

# THE IMAGINE SOCIETY

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SPECIAL ISSUE CELEBRATING friendship  
KIDS OCTOBER EDITION VOLUME 26!



"One eternal lesson for us all:  
to teach us better how we should **Love**."  
- Barbara Jordan

## Finding Community in Chaos

by Shelby Fenton

The past year has been a time of community for many! Many intriguing opportunities have come up for all of us in the past year! From new shows, hobbies and work.

During the pandemic managing time and filling it up was important for me. I was not sure what I should be doing at first. I eventually decided to go online and find something to do. Online there were tons of exercises, sports, fandoms, and more. It was appealing to find all these new activities to try out.



Aiden McCready (8) answers the question "How will you change the world?" We love his answer!

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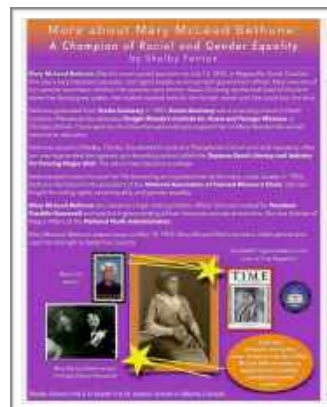
Finding new hobbies was interesting but making new friends was even more exciting! Through different communities I found many online friends with the same interests. And with online school I made friends with people I never considered becoming friends with. I found more people with similar interests and personalities. This sense of community was thrilling!

In the past year, bettering myself and finding new friends was important. I wanted to help people and build new skills. A way I built friendship this past year was when I was invited onto the Imagine Newsletter team. This opportunity helped me learn new skills and build new relationships with others. I credit this opportunity for helping me learn to be more organized and how to collaborate with others!

Overall the past year has helped me learn about different people with so many diverse personalities and skills to offer!



These are just some of Shelby's impressive library of Imagine Newsletter essays and articles!



We love this essay Shelby!  
Another amazing piece of writing.  
Thank you for being a LEADER  
and a FRIEND of  
**The Imagine Society!**

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# Barbara Jordan: In Pursuit of Truth and Justice

**Barbara Jordan** (October's Cover Quote) broke a lot of barriers in her lifetime, and her name is often paired with the word "FIRST." She was the first African American woman elected to the Texas state senate. She was the first African American Texan in Congress. She was the first African American woman from a Southern state to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. She was the first to speak at the 1974 Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearing for then President Richard Nixon. Ms. Jordan gave a now famous 15-minute opening statement where she declared, **"I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."**

In the early 1970s, in support of the Equal Rights Amendment, **Barbara Jordan** was likely one of the first government officials to ever recognize women who worked in the home as deserving of Social Security benefits based on their domestic labor. A recognition still not accepted. She was the first African American woman to deliver the keynote address to the Democratic National Convention in 1976. Ms. Jordan's words are not only as meaningful but are also just as applicable today as they were 45 years ago: **"We are a people in a quandary about the present. We are a people in search of our future. We are people in search of a national community. We are people trying not only to solve the problems of the present, but we are attempting on a larger scale to fulfill the promise of America."** When she passed away in 1996, she became the first African American to be buried among her fellow governors, senators, and congressmen in the Texas State Cemetery.

**Barbara Jordan** came from humble beginnings, but she worked her way through High School, College, and Law School in a heavily segregated country to achieve some of the highest ranks and honors in the U.S. Government. The youth at **The Imagine Society** are so inspired by her bravery and her advocacy and are motivated to carry on her legacy.



Barbara Jordan!



Barbara Jordan at a dinner with fellow senators & representatives in 1975.



Barbara Jordan was the 1st WOMAN & the 1st AFRICAN AMERICAN to deliver a KEYNOTE ADDRESS at a Democratic National Convention in 1976! It is ranked Fifth in "Top 100 American Speeches of the 20th Century"

# Introducing New Youth Member of Imagine Newsletter Editorial Staff!

Let's all give a big Imagine Society welcome to our newest member of The Imagine Newsletter Editorial Staff - the incredibly talented young writer **Louis A. Cracco III** (12)! We first connected with Louis and his family in July of 2020, when we saw one of his amazing essays featured by our friends at **GiGi's NYC Playhouse**.

Since then he's graced each and every succeeding Imagine Newsletter with essay contributions! **The Imagine Society** has been so impressed with not only Louis's creativity, not only his commitment to the art of writing, but also his exuberant spirit of advocacy. As his grandfather Richard tells us, **"Louis has made a quantum leap to self advocacy. He is blessed with many gifts and wants other people with Down syndrome to realize they can do it too."**

Welcome to the editorial team Louis! It's Louis's admirable combination of imagination, ingenuity, and advocacy that makes him such an exciting new member of the newsletter team! We can't wait to see what new ideas and essays you have in store for **The Imagine Newsletter!**



Welcome  
Louis!

Check out page 7 for a new piece  
from Louis about Friendship! :)



# *To My Purple*

by Nicole Santos-Peña

You ask  
"Whats wrong with me"  
And i tell you  
"There's nothing wrong with you"

You tell me there is something wrong with you  
And I listen

I listen to you say how your body is not the right shape  
Or how your not smart enough  
Or how your different from all the rest of the people  
Or how your not pretty or handsome

I read the messages that you send and I can tell that your tired  
I don't mean the tiredness that a good night's sleep will fix but tired, tired of fighting.  
I feel the sadness and strength you hold while you write

The pain in your soul while you drink your sorrows away, and it's not that you want to and you  
try to stop but the pressure and the pain is a lot.

While tears run through your face, and you smile saying your okay  
When in reality you're not.

You wanna be there for everyone  
Make everyone laugh  
Make everyone happy  
But then forget about you

As much as we like to joke about being "young adults" we still kids  
Its okay to be scared

Your one of the amazing person I know in my life  
So when you tell me things that hurt you,  
my blood boils and all I want to do is make it stop.



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but I can't cause of the 2,522 miles between us  
Or when you tell me that your not hot, I just want to choke you cause  
Like PURRRRR BESTIEEE

You keep saying your alone but your not alone  
I promise that one day everyday will fall into place .

I know it's hard sometimes to eat,  
so hey text me or call me you know I'm here for you.

Your a bright kid,  
With a bright future  
That works hard  
And that cares  
Your just having a rough time at the moment  
And that's okay

You say you feel powerless,  
But I know you and you have power  
You got this  
Your strong  
You can do this

You have something to live for  
You have something to go on for  
That is you

Even if you don't see it now  
Trust me cause I see it  
Your one special human being  
And I'm very lucky to have meet you  
And be friends with you.

I love you,

Nicole Santos-Peña  
Oct 21,2021



Thank you Nicole for  
another incredible  
poem - so much talent!

*Nicole M. Santos-Peña is 14 years old and a Bold Brothers/Sisters Mentee. She is also a frequent and treasured contributor to the newsletter!*

# Friendship

by Louis A. Cracco III

In my class at Cooke School there are a lot of friendships and I have more of them across the hall from our class. The class I'm in is called Olympus. The class across the hall is called Atlantis. These are names of mythical places. Olympus was the home of the Greek gods. Atlantis was a city that has been under the water for centuries.

My first friend in Olympus is a big fan of tennis, car racing and sharks. His name is Amin. We both love fishing.

My second friend is a girl named Briana. She is like a celebrity in Olympus, she is very smart, independent and confident in class.

My third friend is beautifully named Melania. There is something very impressive she does: she twirls a pencil in her fingers.

My fourth friend Christopher has an electronic device that helps him to talk. It's kind of like his language.

My fifth friend is Stella. Her name is also beautiful. There are a lot of great things about Stella, like she has the creativity to move along in the movements of the "Just Dance" program.

My sixth friend is a guy named Joey. Sometimes I call him Joseph. He has unique drawing skills. Also he uses his creativity to participate in his own way.

My seventh friend is Ana. She is smart and has a lot of knowledge. I'm impressed by that.

My eighth friend is..... wait a minute. I don't have an eighth friend in Olympus. His name would be my name: the Author, Louis Craco!

Before we leave, though, there are two more friends from across the hall in Atlantis. These friends are very athletic and they are incredibly talented.

Matthew is not just any friend, he is a friend with strength and he knows how to knock people off their feet. He's so powerful he can kick or throw the ball over the wall. He is a fan of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Oliver is a huge sports fan and his favorite team from the NFL is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. His favorite NBA team is the Brooklyn Nets. Oliver makes incredible goals in kickball, and his confidence never comes to an end. Remember, he is one of a kind in sports. I admire his skills.

Friendship is like relationships. Friends are not strangers. Friends are people you like to be with. You trust them. Friends are not mythical, they are real.

Louis A. Craco III  
Cooke School  
October, 2021

Thank you Louis! We are so happy  
we are also friends with you!

Cooke School! Where Louis  
and all his friends are!



Olympus!



Atlantis!



**Louis A. Craco III (12) is in the 8th grade student at Cooke School and our newest member of The Imagine Newsletter Editorial Staff!**



# Service & Friendship in October!

This October, **The Imagine Society**, and the Imagine Youth Community came out in record numbers to support 4 major service projects: the Fall Fundraising Graphing Calculator Drive for the Education Program at Henry Street Settlement, Imagine Baby Showers and Welcome Baskets for our favorite family shelter, supporting our friends at MV4NY's Environmental Stewardship Day at Ruppert Park, and volunteering at the Ascension Food Pantry alongside Youth Groups The Spirit Squad and The Saint Patrick's Warriors.

In addition Youth Leader Emery Brown celebrated his first Gala with GiGi's Playhouse NYC! Through these amazing service projects, and events, Imagine Kids found not only fulfillment but friendship!





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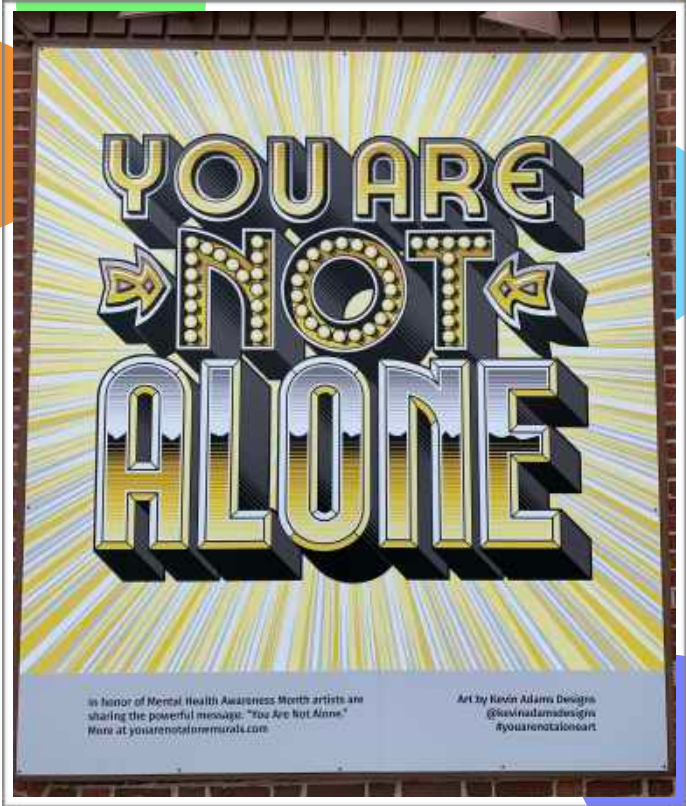


A tribute to Friends in the East Village!

Now this  
is a happy  
pie :) from  
our friends  
at Table Talk  
Pies!



Sign found at one of October's donors at  
Terranova Bakery in The Bronx!

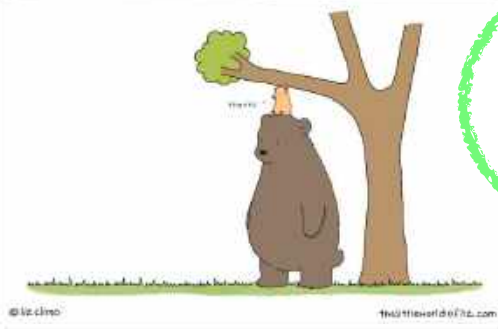
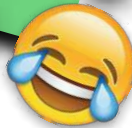


We love this message!  
Poster from the South Street Seaport!

Send in your "Spotted on the Street" photos to: [outreach@theimagesociety.org](mailto:outreach@theimagesociety.org)



# FUN PAGES



Edited by  
Junior Member  
Katie Gaffigan  
(12)

... with  
Guest Editor  
Piper Ogden  
(13)!

Why did the Owl invite  
his friends over?

He didn't want to be Owl  
by himself.

Katie's  
Fave  
Memes  
:)

Lol!







## Friendship Word Search



h a r a o c o m r a d e s h i p t x f p m j h e n  
r e a y u c k b j s i i a c b i v y v c q w i a w  
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understanding  
comradeship  
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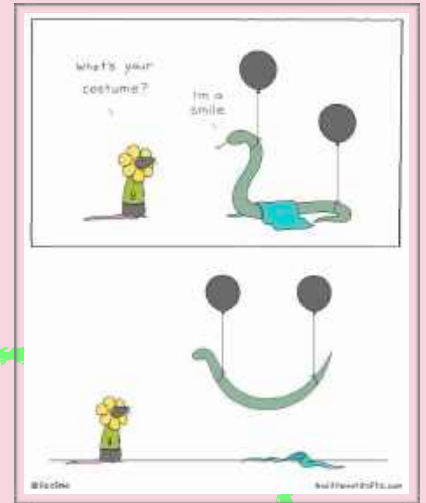
companionship  
fellowship  
feelings  
amity

friendliness  
connection  
affinity  
unity

camaraderie  
closeness  
rapport  
love



# ANSWER KEY



love	unity	amity	harmony
rapport	affinity	feelings	happiness
closeness	connection	fellowship	comradeship
camaraderie	friendliness	companionship	understanding

Friendship Word Search

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



Why is a droid mechanic never lonely?

Because he's always making new friends!