The MY HERO Project
Celebrating heroes for 20 years

20th Anniversary

myhero.com

2015 Annual Report
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The MY HERO Project’s mission is to use media, art & technology to celebrate the best of humanity one story at a time.
Students in 197 countries participate in this global learning project
Millions of teachers & students from around the world take part annually in The MY HERO Project.
Thematic features from our ever-growing online resource enrich classroom learning.
Activists & innovators in science, art, and technology benefit our global society
Online interactive tools & tutorials help students create & share hero-inspired media
The MY HERO Project

STORIES
SHARE STORIES

Visitors of all ages celebrate local and global heroes in our ever-growing online library hosting over 40,000 essays
Web authoring tools help visitors create & publish pages honoring heroes from all walks of life. MY HERO will NOT promote hatred, racism, violence, or sexism.

T-Shirt Prize Winners from Around the World

Maria Abromova
Moscow, Russia

Prize Winners from Belarus

Kayla
Colorado, USA

Elma Adusei
Virginia, USA
Mattie Stepanek
by Jim Hawkins

Mattie Stepanek is a hero to people of all ages around the world.

Mohamed Sidibay
by Annie Merkley

Mohamed Sidibay is a youth reporter who is committed to making a difference in the world.

Malala Yousafzai
by Jane Wallace

Malala Yousafzai speaks out for the rights of girls to have an education.

Iqbal Masih
by Stephanie and Audrey

Iqbal Masih was a brave advocate for child labor laws in Pakistan.
Jane Goodall
by Jessica, Julian, and Fiona

Jane Goodall is an authority on wild chimpanzees.

Wangari Maathai
by France Moore Lappe

Wangari Maathai Founded the Green Belt Movement that plants trees to help restore the desolate ecosystem in Africa.

John Muir
by Mia from Granite Bay

John Muir advocated preservation, feeling that natural areas promote mental health.

Sylvia Earle
by Edward Ortiz

Sylvia Earle a marine biologist and ambassador of the oceans.
Dr. Jeni Stepanek
by Slater Jewell-Kemker

Dr. Jeni Stepanek is an ambassador for Muscular Dystrophy who continues to spread her son Mattie’s message of peace.

Kathy Eldon
by Wendy Jewell

Kathy Eldon is a journalist, author, producer, activist.

Mohandas Gandhi
by Jeff Trussell

Mohandas Gandhi used nonviolence to free India from British Rule.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
by Nick Campbell from Juneau, Alaska

Martin Luther King, Jr. brought transformative change through nonviolence.
A collection of extraordinary essays by remarkable people

AUTHORS & THEIR HEROES
Spoken word stories to listen to and read help ESL learners

Favio Chavez
by Susan Drennan
Gabriel Bunn

Anne Frank
by Jessica

James Banning
by Russ

Oprah Winfrey
by Kyra Kirkwood

Hadraawi
by Rebecca Miller

Louis Soriano Bohorquez
by Ryan from San Diego
(English)

Louis Soriano Bohorquez
por Ryan de San Diego
Narrado por Emma Navajas
(Spanish)

Sonia Sotomayor
by Daniel Chavez
(English)

Sonia Sotomayor
by Daniel Chavez
(Spanish)
Online reference library featuring books about heroes around the world

- **Heartsongs** by Mattie J.T. Stepanek
- **Team of Rivals** by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- **The Freedom Writers Diary** by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell
- **Find Where the Wind Goes** by Mae Jemison
- **A Picture Book of Rosa Parks** by David A. Adler
- **My Life with the Chimpanzees** by Jane Goodall
SPANISH PORTAL

Spanish language multimedia resources and web-authoring tools
Using MY HERO’S freely accessible digital storytelling tools to create and share stories on MY HERO’S website.

“I stumbled upon your website while looking for a more authentic writing project for my students. Their writing is so much better when it serves a real purpose and is seen by more eyes than just my own.”

Megan Enger,
Teacher
Hawthorne, CA

“My students have enjoyed reading other essays and then submitting their own. It is one of their favorite projects and they love the hero unit we study.”

Joyce Christman,
Teacher
ES, Dublin, OH

“What a great project. I have been teaching a hero unit now for five years and this is the first year I stumbled upon your website. It has enhanced the unit tremendously!”

Megan Steiner,
Teacher
Riley, KS

“I want you to know how much the children and I have enjoyed participating in the MY HERO project. I’m very pleased with their commitment and I feel they have gained a great deal from this experience.”

Jonathan Feinn,
Teacher,
Albuquerque, NM
The MY HERO Project

LEARNING CIRCLES
MY HERO and iEARN mentor K-12 classes around the world

Elementary School, USA

Middle School, Uganda

Elementary School, Morocco

High School, Egypt
CALL TO ACTION

Teachers and students choose a community hero or organization to support

USA Elementary Learning Circle design posters to help with Japan.

Egyptian High School Learning Circle students reduce, reuse, recycle.

Moroccan 5th Grade Learning Circle supports nomads by trekking into mountains with clothes and supplies.
“It was such a great time, the time we shared, my students and I, with you during this project. We enjoyed researching and writing about our heroes, as we enjoy reading about yours!”

- Teacher Abdelaziz R Rhazzali
Agbalou Elementary School
6th Grade Class, Morocco

“Our students had a fantastic experience participating in the iEARN Global Collaboration Learning Circle. Communicating with other classrooms around the world is an extremely beneficial opportunity for students.”

- Teacher Katharine Zimmerman
South Callway Elementary
4th Grade Class, USA
“The students really enjoyed the student forum and learning from other students around the world. They learned so much. I am definitely going to sign up for the Learning Circles again.”

-Teacher Maria Perryman
George B. Armstrong School of International Studies
USA

“They learned a lot about other countries and heroes. The students said that a hero is a person who inspires us, a person who leaves a part of himself/herself with us, a person encouraging us to become a better person ourselves.”

-Teacher Vera Stoilov Spasova
Osnovna sola Naklo
Slovenia
“Thank you all for this great experience. For the past few months, you have been great inspiration to me on my teaching. My students and I had a great time being a part of it and the films they made were about the heroes they have in mind.”

-Teacher Yao Yawen
National Chauchou High School
10th Grade Class, Taiwan

“We live in Tehran, the capital city of Iran, and we are grade eleven. This is an exciting project because it has given us a vast perspective toward different people from different parts of the world. We loved doing this and sharing this much information from all over the world. Thank you MY HERO.”

-Teacher Farnoush Ahmadzadeh
Mashar United High School
11th Grade Class, Iran
“We are an English teaching school and taking part in the MY HERO circles has made learning English fun and challenging and meaningful. Thank you MY HERO for this great project.”

-Teacher Guillermo Ojeda-Lajud
Mexico

“We are a fifth grade class from Morocco and because of this project we had the opportunity to take positive actions in our community: raising awareness in our village about the importance of a clean environment.”

-Teacher Abdelaziz Rhazzali
Morocco

“I’ve worked closely with The MY HERO Project for years now and I’m still moved and amazed by the heroes I see in story, art and film... people who make the world a little bit better every day.”

-Teacher Laura Nietzer
USA

“Thanks to this project, we learned about so many interesting scientists, doctors, astronauts and other Canadian heroes who have made a difference not only in their communities but in the world.”

-Teacher Mali Bickley
Canada
The MY HERO Project

GALLERY
Art communicates, educates and engages
Artists share their inspiring original hero artwork on the website

The Earth Singing Tree
by 801 people

Samantha Smith
By Robert Sheerly

The Journey is the Destination
By Dan Eldon
Online digital tutorials show a step-by-step process to upload original content.
In the practice of tolerance, one’s enemy is the best teacher.

- The Dalai Lama
ECO ART

Silent Evolution Mexico
by Jason Decaires Taylor

Nature
by Anu Monisha

Environmental Mural
Joanne Tawfilis, The Art Miles Mural Project

Ocean Cave
by Jeremiah Morelli
STUDENT ART

Hero
Holly Battle of Laguna Beach High School

My Mother, You Make Me Happy
Francois Agnes Marena of Senegal

Gandhi’s Beliefs
Lauren of Laguna Beach High School

Through So Much Heart Ache You Hold On...
Pamela Santos of Taft High School

Inspiration
Dylan DelPizzo-Howell of Laguna Beach High School

Jane Austen
Samantha Park of Taft High School
SHETTERLY ART AWARD & ART HONOREES

Sojourner Truth
By Tom Block
Shetterly Art Award 2015

Eleanor Roosevelt
By Marilyn Huerta
Art Honoree 2015

May Peace Prevail on Earth
By Chester Sia
Art Honoree 2015

Peace
By Rafael Agustín
Villadiego Ríos
Art Honoree 2015

Pope Francis Mural
Art Miles Mural Project
Art Honoree 2015
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

**Americans Who Tell The Truth**

[www.americanswhotellthetruth.org](http://www.americanswhotellthetruth.org)

Robert Shetterly’s Americans Who Tell The Truth portrays citizens who courageously address issues of social, environmental and economic fairness.

**The Art Miles Project**


Art Miles Mural Project’s mission is to process, conceptualize and form consensus through mural painting and to demonstrate that an act of peace creates peace.

**Boys & Girls Club Of Laguna Beach**

[http://bgclagunabeach.org/](http://bgclagunabeach.org/)

The Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Beach provides a positive place for children and teens who deserve a safe and supervised place to spend their off school hours.

**Peace Pals International**


Peace Pals International is a program of the World Peace Prayer Society and encourages youth to become peacemakers dedicated to living in the spirit of the words, May Peace Prevail on Earth.

**Laguna Art Museum**


Laguna Art Museum seeks to develop a permanent collection of California art; stage serious exhibitions that complement the collection; offer a robust educational program; and serve the community as a cultural and social center.
GALLERY OUTREACH

Families create hero art at the Laguna Art Museum

Creating hero art on the iPad

Young artist with her kelp forest inspired art

Middle school student with his Recycled shorebird at the Art & Nature Festival
“MY HERO is unique in that they use technology and media extensively in the activities that they offer. Having witnessed how positively children respond to it, I am reminded again of the importance of engaging with children in ways that they find exciting and compelling. Add to that the excellent way in which MY HERO guides children to seek out positive role models, and I cannot overstate the importance of the work that they do.”

Marinta Skupin
Curator of Education
Laguna Art Museum

“We who have been working on ‘Americans Who Tell the Truth’ are very grateful to have been included in The MY HERO Project. Our collaboration of portraits and lesson plans helps students explore what heroism is and is not... We congratulate all of you at The MY HERO Project for your mission to educate children to be good citizens.”

Robert Shetterly & Michele Hemenway
USA Authors, Americans Who Tell the Truth

“The My Hero Project is a perfect platform to inspire kids. At the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach, the kids collaged a shore bird or fish from the ocean that they mounted on cardboard. They also created posters with slogans to protect and care for the ocean. All of this beautiful artwork was displayed at the annual Laguna HERO Fest where the children saw their artwork, learned about water sheds, and watched Laguna Beach Eco Heroes videos.”

Emily Murray, Art Director
Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach
The MY HERO Project

SALON SERIES
Salons engage community members to celebrate heroism with speakers, art, film, and music.
POETRY AND JAZZ SALON

Paul Cummins, poet, educator and founder of coalition for engaged education

Dana Williams, Singer/Songwriter

Olivia Stern-Milch, Writer/Producer

Stu Pearlman Jazz Band

David Milch, Screenwriter, Television Producer, Creator of Deadwood, NYPD Blue

Willy Garcon reading Kipling at the salon
MY HERO showcases filmmakers whose powerful stories promote youth activism

Robert Rippberger

Mohamed Sidibay

Slater Jewell-Kemker
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE EVENTS

Folk City Band, New Roads School

Mohamed Sidibay, Peace activist and former child soldier

Kenji Williams, founder BellaGaia.com

Ron Kovic, Peace Activist, Author, Artist
MY HERO works to provide access to our media for all audience members including those who are hearing and visually impaired.
ACCESSIBILITY SALON

TL Forsberg, Deaf Singer

Bernard Bragg, Founder of The National Theater of the Deaf

Alan “Spo” Schwartz, Deaf Actor

Jules Dameron, Deaf Director
Highlighting women impacting media, this program was made possible with support from AAUW.org

Dr. Eva Haller
Abigail Disney
Melissa Silverstein

Kathy Eldon
Xenia Shin, series producer
MY HERO salons are held in state-of-the-art venues

Ann and Jerry Moss Theater

Leadership Center at the Herb Albert Educational Village
The MY HERO Project

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
ONLINE SCREENING ROOM

All winning films are available on our website

CURT LOWENS: A LIFE OF CHANGES
Directed by By Justin Binder, August Blum, Robert Carlson, Levi Glaser, George Khabbaz, Kayla Mossanen, Tammy Shine

IFF WINNER
STUDENT/MENTOR
2014

BELLA GAIA
Dynamic Vision of Earth from Space

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Vital Voices: Hawa Abdi
Dir. Aaron Kisner

We Sing Out!

I'll take it from here... Because I'm a Girl
Produced by Raj Yagnik, Shona Hamilton

Hands Up Don't Shoot
Producer, Writer, Rap Artist: Queen McElrath
Producer, Director: Aneia Cody
Mentor Teacher: Todd Young

MY HERO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL WINNER
Student/Mentor Music Video 2014
Our online screening room hosts over 3,000 short films made by professionals and students.
The Annual International Film Festival brings together professional and student filmmakers to honor those working for social activism.
FESTIVAL WINNERS
Frank Marshall
Ryan Coogler
Abigail Disney
Tiffany Shlain
Playing for Change Foundation
CNN Heroes
MacGillivray Freeman Films

GLOBAL EDUCATOR AWARD RECIPIENTS
George Lucas
Elizabeth Daley
Erin Gruwell
Cheikh Seck
Peter Copen
Paul Cummins

George Lucas, Founder of Edutopia
Elizabeth Daley, Dean of USC School of Cinematic Arts
Erin Gruwell, Director of The Freedom Writers Foundation
Cheikh Seck, Media Arts Educator, Senegal
Peter Copen, Founder of iEARN.org (International Education Association and Resource Network)
Paul Cummins, Founder of New Roads School & The Coalition for Engaged Education
WINNING FILMS

Best of Fest

Because I’m a Girl: I’ll Take it From Here
Produced by Raj Yagnik and Shona Hamilton, featuring Plan International.

Ron Kovic Peace Prize

Defying Death in South Sudan
Francis Meade

Media Award

Racing Extinction
Produced by Vulcan Productions
Directed by Louie Psihoyos

Relationships First Award

The Future of Our Species
Directed by Tiffany Shlain
The Moxie Institute

Sylvia Earle Ocean Award

Isla Coronado Ghost Net
Directed by Walter Marti
Featuring Kurt Leiber from Ocean Defenders Alliance

People’s Choice Award

Young Storytellers
Directed by Jill Jones, Brent Yontz
Nanuq Originals
HEROES FEATURED

Wangari Mathaai, Nobel Peace Prize winner, Kenya
Nelson Mandela, peace activist, South Africa
Malala Yousafzai, human rights activist, Pakistan
Mohamed Sidibay, peace activist, Sierra Leone

Jon Rose, humanitarian, Waves for Water USA
Jean-Michel Cousteau, environmentalist, USA
Slater Jewell-Kemker, environmental activist, Canada
PRIZE WINNERS

Filmmakers Gabrielle and Amanda Gorman

Nate Trives, Mr. Santa Monica

Filmmaker Kayla Briet

Filmmakers Santa Barbara Team Press

Rabiya Sudebar Muslim Student Association

Filmmakers Mark Manilo Malia Pyles
PRIZE WINNERS

Filmmakers Trey Carlisle and Cheikh Seck

Filmmaker Tiffany Shlain

Royal Film Commission Liaison Claire Naber Matalqa

Will Parinello of Mill Valley Film Group

Filmmaker Nonny De La Peña

Emerging Artist and filmmaker, Kenza Kadmiry
Environmental activist Jaime Lynn Butler

Azim Khamisa founded the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, in his son's memory

Unsung heroes and filmmakers from the 11th Annual Film Festival
SPECIAL AWARDS

Kovic Peace Prize
presented by author and artist Ron Kovic

Sylvia Earle Ocean Conservation Award
presented by OneWorldOneOcean.org

Dan Eldon Activist Award
presented by his mother, author and activist Kathy Eldon

Relationships First Award
presented by the Foundation for Contemporary Family
Media Arts Educators are mentors to students and teachers around the world, providing technical training and resources in global workshops.
“The MY HERO Project has created a unique opportunity for me to undergo professional and personal development.”

Cheikh Seck, Educator
Dakar, Senegal

“The MY HERO mentors trained the students how to use cameras, conduct interviews and edit video montages on the computer.”

Emily Murray, Director of Arts Programs, Laguna Beach Boys and Girls Club, USA

“You have helped to reshape the word ‘hero’ for many people. What a gift.”

Jeni Stepanek, Ph.D.
USA
Listen to and share music, poetry, & stories celebrating heroes at myhero.com/audio
Listen to excerpts from the MY HERO book:

*MY HERO: Extraordinary People on the Heroes Who Inspire Them*

Earvin “Magic” Johnson  
Wangari Maathai  
Frances Moore Lappe
Listen to stories and read along audio for ESL Learners
Visitors add original music to our online library, sharing inspiring compositions & songs celebrating heroism
MY HERO music arts educators mentor students, inspiring the celebration of heroes through music
MY HERO featured Jessica Baron of Guitars in the Classroom in a short video documenting her powerful program used in classrooms around the nation.

The video was shared with the US Department of Education in their weekly bulletin to teachers across the nation.

Click Here to View
MUSIC PARTNERSHIPS

MY HERO and Guitars in the Classroom host a song competition for K-12 and professionals
Guitars in the Classroom is a program empowering kids to bring music to learning across the curriculum in public schools throughout each school day.

Harmony Project students share a common goal: to create better lives for themselves and their communities through the power of music.

The Playing for Change Foundation brings positive change to the world through the power of music.
The MY HERO Project

TEACHER’S ROOM
Free online lesson plans, resources and tutorials help teachers incorporate the study of heroism into classrooms around the world.
MY HERO provides common core lesson plans based on grade level and subject for teachers to integrate hero-based curricula in the classroom.
Free online library hosts films, stories, art & music
The MY HERO Book & educational DVDs available for classroom use
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<td>By: Kyra Kirkwood, Robinson Elementary (Manhattan Beach, CA)</td>
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Teachers of English, Social Studies, Art, Media Arts, Science and Environmental Studies, English as a Second Language (ESL), Character Education, and Special and Gifted Education use MY HERO as a project-based learning program.
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

MY HERO hosts inspiring stories, art and short films about environmental heroes and resources to launch an eco-heroism program in schools and after school programs.
Teachers share our resources with other educators from around the world who use MY HERO as a trusted classroom resource.
Jeanne Meyers | Laguna Beach, California
Jeanne has been directing The MY HERO Project since its inception in 1995. She oversees all aspects of development for this award-winning multimedia project. She is a film producer and multimedia artist.

Mark Cavanagh | Port St. Lucie, Florida
Mark Cavanagh is a writer, producer and filmmaker. He founded Youth Vision, Inc., promoting films by and for kids. Mr. Cavanagh has directed projects for the Public Broadcast and recently released his first feature film.

Leanne Mella | New York, New York
Leanne Mella is a specialist in American contemporary art. She served for close to seven years as the manager of International Visual Arts Programs in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State where she was responsible for programs supporting the participation of U.S. artists in major international exhibitions and cultural exchange programs in the visual arts.

Cynthia Costas Cohen | Beverly Hills, California
Cynthia Costas Cohen is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Beverly Hills, California. Cynthia’s specialties include EMDR and hypnosis. She is on the board for the Trauma Resource Institute, and co-facilitates trainings for The Trauma Resource Institute that utilizes an integrative mind-body intervention based on somatic therapies.

Linda Kahn | New York, New York
Linda Kahn is President of Linda Kahn Media LLC, a global consulting firm dedicated to forging strategic business and creative partnerships in all aspects of children’s media and entertainment for general audiences. Among current clients are Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Bridge Multimedia, Portfolio Entertainment. Formerly Senior Vice President of international TV Sales & Merchandising for Scholastic Media, Kahn established Scholastic Media’s presence in the highly competitive global market. In senior management positions at Nickelodeon, she was instrumental in the growth of Nickelodeon, successful launch of Nick at Nite and initiated the international TV program sales division. She has extensive experience training teachers nationwide in media education.

Bruce Gehrke | Los Angeles, California
Bruce Gehrke is the Chairman and Founder of Giive, a social enterprise focused on nonprofit sustainability. Bruce founded Giive on one simple concept: When we act to improve our communities, only then can we change the world. No one does it alone. “At Giive, we’re creating a movement through informed giving. When it comes to charity, there’s no such thing as a drip in the bucket; the ripple effect can grow into a sea of change.”

Judith Zucker Anderson, Ph.D. | Laguna Beach, California
Judith Zucker Anderson, PhD, is a clinical psychologist. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the UCI College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. Dr. Anderson also serves as President of the Foundation for the Contemporary Family (FFCF), a non-profit foundation whose mission is to support innovative research, clinical training, and community programs that address the important issues facing contemporary families.

Carolyn Hodge-West | Dowagiac, Michigan
Carolyn Hodge-West is an innovative business leader with extensive board leadership and civic involvement. She currently serves on the board of trustees for a regional health care delivery system. A graduate of Northwestern University, Carolyn is a professor of Psychology, Human Development and Interpersonal Communications. Throughout her career, Carolyn has demonstrated a lifelong commitment of working to improve the status of women and girls.

David Kleeman | Chicago, Illinois
David Kleeman is the Senior Vice President of Dubit's Global Trends and was the President of the American Center for Children and Media and Advisory Board Chair to the international children’s TV festival, PRIX JEUNESSE. He has consulted for producers, broadcasters and organizations ranging from the Geena Davis Institute on Gender and Media and the Fred Rogers Center on Early Learning and Children’s Media, to Baby Einstein, PBS Kids and HarperCollins Publishers. David authored a major study on public broadcasting’s unique roles for children in the digital era; two book chapters; numerous articles for trade, academic and general press; and blogs for the Huffington Post.
Staff reviews all submissions to the MY HERO website to ensure that it remains a child-friendly destination.
Sponsors

The Seedlings Foundation
Eva & Yoel Haller
Helene Cavanagh
Mark & Robin Cavanagh
Dorothy Meyers
Ken Koslow
Ken and Sandi Malamed
Patricia & Peter Cohen
Barton Kogan
Barbara & Harvey Markowitz
Toni Iseman
Patricia & Robert Ronald
Laird Malamed
Stephen & Marisa Robbins
Herbert Baron
Ruth Peck
Barbara Ramsey
Min Shuai
Erica Sloane
Ann Factor
Joy Wolf
Justine Amodeo
The City Of Laguna Beach
The Massen Greene Foundation

Partners

Creative Visions Foundation
MacGillvray Freeman
An Inconvenient Youth
AAUW
USC Media Institute for Social Change
Guitars in the Classroom
Americans Who Tell The Truth
Foundation for the Contemporary Family
Art Miles Mural Project
iEARN

Corporate & In Kind Support

Google Adwords
Barracuda
Citrix
New Roads School
{seven-degrees}
USC School of Cinematic Arts
Blackmagic Design
Pond5
Western Digital
The following information is a condensed version of our audited financial statements as of and for the year ending June 30, 2015 that were provided in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by Piazza, Donnelly and Marlette, LLP.

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**REVENUE AND SUPPORT**

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The Donut Chart shows the distribution of expenses as follows:

- **Program** 90%
- **Fundraising** 1%
- **General/Administrative** 9%
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