



PREPARE TO BE INSPIRED

Within this pack you'll find examples of young people from around the world who are truly making their mark on their community.

Others have big plans for how they want to stamp their mark on the world.

Whether they are teaching classes in their local communities or dreaming of becoming health workers, these young people are determined to change the world in some way.

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MUNNI

Munni is a remarkable young woman who lives in one of India's most marginalised communities. When she turned 13, Munni's grandfather arranged for her to marry. However, Munni's mother had other plans. She knew that receiving an education was important for her daughter. With help from community workers supported by Save the Children, Munni was saved from a childhood marriage.

Now aged 16, Munni dreams of being a doctor. However, she is already proving to be an excellent teacher, after setting up a learning group for women in her neighbourhood.

With support from Save the Children, Munni now teaches more than 20 women to read and write.

She may only be 16, but Munni is already stamping her mark on her community.

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GERALD

Gerald, 13, lives in a small village in Tacloban, Philippines. When Typhoon Haiyan hit in 2013, Gerald encouraged his family to evacuate their home. They sheltered in a local school as the typhoon destroyed the area around them. When they eventually returned home, Gerald's family discovered that their house and fishing boat had been destroyed.

Save the Children repaired classrooms at Gerald's primary school and provided vital necessities for the family to help restore their home.

Gerald is now a member of the WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Club at his school and helps to promote hygiene in his school and community.

Age is no barrier to Gerald making his mark on the world around him.

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KAREEM

Eight-year-old Kareem* is growing up in northern Syria. He loves going to school as it's the only place where he can have fun, learn new things and play with his friends.

Unfortunately it's not always safe for Kareem to attend school. His mother often makes him stay at home when there are aeroplanes overhead, for fear that the school might be hit.

Save the Children supports the local school, providing funding for teachers, training, equipment and recreational items. We also work with communities to keep schools and students safe from the impacts of conflict.

Kareem dreams of being a photographer when he grows up – it's his way of making his mark on the world.

*Not his real name

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LEE

Lee*, 12, is top of his class and is a keen football player and budding artist. The youngest of seven, he lives with his family on Koh Sralau Island in Cambodia. Like most locals, Lee's family practises fishing as well as farming to eke out an income.

Lee is learning about climate change and reducing the risk of disasters at his school through Save the Children's 'Disaster Resilience' programme. Lee wants to be a health worker when he grows up so he can help poor people who are sick and unwell. He wants to give free medical treatment to everyone in his village.

Lee's already mapped out how he'll make his mark on the world.

*Not his real name

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SUMON

Sumon, 10, is in Grade 4 at the Save the Children-supported KKS Primary School in a large slum in Bangladesh. His mother has been a worker in the slum for more than 10 years.

It's no ordinary place in which to grow up. A maze of dwellings hides a world of violence and disease. Sumon knows this is no place for children to live.

Sumon's set his heart on becoming a police officer someday, to help the people living in his community and get his mother out of that ugly environment. Thanks to Save the Children, that dream could become a reality.

Sumon dreams of the day he can make his mark on the world.

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A young woman with braided hair, wearing a green t-shirt, stands in a rural outdoor setting. A blue measuring tape is draped around her neck. In the foreground, a black vintage sewing machine is visible. The background shows a dirt area with a white cloth structure and another person. A red banner with white text and a fingerprint icon is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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RAHIM

18-year-old Rahim* is a refugee from Sudan. Abandoned by her father when she was 10, Rahim and her mother fled Sudan and resettled at Doro refugee camp in South Sudan. At the age of 16, Rahim decided to get married in the hope that her husband would make life better for her. However, her living conditions continued to worsen.

Rahim enrolled in Save the Children's Youth Training course and learned how to sew. On completion of her training she was given a sewing machine and textiles to start a business. Rahim now earns about \$150 per month and is also back at school.

She hopes to become a teacher.

Making her mark on the world began with just one step for Rahim.

*Not her real name

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SAUNG HAY

Saung Hay, 15, lives in Umphiem camp in Thailand. Currently in Grade 9, Saung Hay enrolled in cooking classes and now loves to cook.

Saung Hay is part of the Karen Student Network Group, which is made up of about 50 children from across the camp who organise communal events. Saung Hay fundraises for future events for children by cooking pho (noodle soup). The funds raised also go to repair buildings and for emergency relief within the community.

Saung Hay was at risk of dropping out of school, but Save the Children's ACCESS project ensures that out-of-school refugee children attend school and succeed there.

Saung Hay is already making her mark on her local community.

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a patterned blue and green sari, is smiling and holding a baby wrapped in a pink cloth. They are in a narrow, outdoor alleyway between brick buildings. In the background, another person is sitting on a bench. A red banner with white text and a fingerprint icon is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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SALEHA

Eighteen-year-old Saleha, a college student, lives in the slums of suburban Mumbai, India. Her family has faced many financial difficulties.

As an active member of a Save the Children child's group in her area, Saleha has been at the forefront of a unique child-led campaign called 'WASH4LIFE'. Members of this group advocate on water and sanitation issues in their community.

In the past three years Saleha has conducted more than 250 sessions on menstrual hygiene and other WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) related issues, influencing more than 2,500 adolescent girls.

Saleha is one of Save the Children's child champions and has been recognised internationally for her campaigning.

Saleha has fought hard to stamp her mark on the world.

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ISABELLA

Isabella* was forced to flee South Sudan when she was five months pregnant after rebel soldiers attacked her home. She was robbed of her belongings and separated from her husband as she crossed into Uganda.

Since giving birth to her youngest daughter Cecilia* in a Save the Children health clinic, Isabella has become a community ambassador for Save the Children's Mother Baby Areas (MBAs). An MBA is a safe, friendly space where mothers go for advice on health, nutrition and breastfeeding, malnutrition screenings and psychosocial support.

Isabella is now one of the local MBA's busiest ambassadors, sharing her knowledge with other women.

Isabella's determination to make her mark on her community will be an incredible example to her young daughter.

*Not her real name

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LAXMI

Born in a large slum in Bangladesh, and at risk of being forced to be a child laborer like her mother, Laxmi (pictured far right) went to live in Save the Children's Safe Home when she was six years old. She stayed until she was 18.

Laxmi attended the KKS Primary School supported by Save the

Children

New Zealand, where she received an excellent education.

After completing high school, Laxmi moved from the Safe Home and boarded at a hostel while she attended college. She is now 23 years old and in her final year of college, where she is studying world history.

She

also works at the Safe Home, helping to care for other girls emerging from situations similar to those she experienced at the slum.

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Laxmi is making her mark on the world by ensuring that other young girls are protected.