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Alpharetta, GA

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We are the Webb Bridge MS 7th grade Character Council from Alpharetta, GA. We are the service-learning leaders of our school and are dedicated to making “a positive impact on tomorrow’s world.”

This year, we partnered with Water is Basic and Autrey Mill MS to help raise \$20,000 to repair 20 wells in the Warrap State, South Sudan. We visited Creekview Elementary and read *I Dream of Water* to over 300 students, we organized grassroots fundraising in and out of school, and we hosted the 3rd Annual Walk for Water and Village Market with over 250 attendees.

To date, our efforts have raised over \$14,000 and, with only 1 more month of school, we’re working hard to reach our goal of \$20,000.

Please consider reading the following student leader biographies and donating directly to our fundraiser. You can even add a note on your donation indicating which student your donation sponsors. All proceeds will go directly to the women-led well repair initiative in South Sudan.

Thank you so much for taking the time to be a part of our service-learning partnership!

The 7th grade Character Council



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Hey there! I'm Maanya, a 12-year-old My wonderful family consists of my amazing brother, sister, and my loving Parents. I am from the sunny paradise of Los Angeles. When I'm not spiking volleyballs or gliding on ice, I aspire to make a mark in the world as a Biophysicist.

I hopped on board the Character Council train to sprinkle some positivity across the globe. Dive-bombing into the water issues of South Sudan was an eye-opener, but man, did it teach me a ton! The Walk for Water event really hit home for me. Witnessing our community rally together for a cause was like a superhero movie come to life. Our school crew pulled off a fundraising miracle, fixing up 6 wells! Talk about mind-blowing! It's moments like these that show me the world is bursting with caring souls ready to lend a helping hand. While being so caught up in our

awesomeness, I overcame my fear or public speaking. Such a wonderful experience.

Hey, why not chip in and help us keep the ripple effect going? Let's splash some clean water love over to South Sudan! Let us continue to support South Sudan by donating to our cause. Your contribution will help spread love to those in need. Please consider donating to our cause!!

Sincerely,

Maanya Pochareddy



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Hello, my name is Vanshika. I am a student of the 7th grade character council at Webb Bridge Middle School, and I am 12 years old. I am interested in many different things, such as dancing, music, math, and traveling. I also do orchestra and take dance classes outside of character council.

I joined character council because I wanted to be of service to other people. I believe that all people deserve a chance to flourish, and I want to help them do so. In character council, we read a book to 4th graders, made posters, fundraised, made learning boards to present to people at the walk, made a podcast, and organized the 3rd annual Walk for Water.

The Walk for Water has impacted me by making me a more extroverted person. When I had first joined character council, I was not very great at communicating with others and was not as extroverted as I am now. At the Walk for Water, we had to talk to many people as they were walking and at first it was a little nerve-racking. However, as more people came, it became easier, and the words flowed with ease. Character council has also educated me about the issue of the lack of clean water in South Sudan.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan. It would mean a lot to know that I helped bring water to South Sudan.

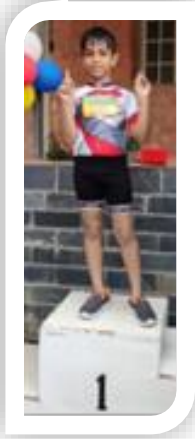
Thank you for your consideration,

Vanshika Agarwal



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Hello, I am Ranbir Babbar, and I am twelve years old. I am part of the seventh-grade student Character Council. My goal in life is to be a successful astrophysicist. I am interested in math and science. I am very interested in space. I also want to help people and want to make the Earth a better place for everyone. I also like playing soccer with my friends. One of my hobbies is to play music. I have been playing piano for 6 years and I have also been in percussion for four years. I have also done skating and have achieved many medals.

When I was in sixth grade, I heard about the issue in South Sudan, and I wanted to help people in South Sudan. Next year I joined the Student Character Council to help people in South Sudan. Another reason I wanted to be in the student character council was because of my friend. All of us decided to sign up for the character council and I didn't want to be left out.



The character council had many impacts on me. Before I joined the character council, I didn't like to talk to people. But character council helped me get out of my comfort area and made me more social. Character council also helped me learn about how many different factors impact people in South Sudan and the various solutions to solving the issue. Character council also taught me how floods and droughts can affect access to water and how people lose their lives and houses due to this. Character Council has had a major impact on my life, and it helped me improve.

Thank you for your time,

Ranbir



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Hello, my name is Phebe. I am an active 7th grader. I love rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking, competitive swimming (through Dynamo), volleyball, and hammocking. I also enjoy reading all the time, learning French outside of school, taking piano lessons, and playing with my brother, dog, family, and friends. I was born in Georgia and have lived here most my life.



I joined character council because I knew I wanted to make a difference and this opportunity arose, and I decided to take it. I was in character council in 6th grade where we collected items for refugees. We went to a refugee town, learned more about what the refugees have to go through, and we helped drop the items off. During this time, I took a trip with my family to Key West. I was able to see with my eyes the boats that refugees came in. With the rafts being on the verge of sinking, and with car motors to power the rafts I had an eye-opening experience. I want to make a difference in this world, and character council helped be a part of me leaving my mark.

The Walk for Water impacted me a lot. I was surprised at how many people showed up, who stopped at our learning boards, and who were interested in learning and helping the women in South Sudan.

It changed my perspective on our community with just the interactive level. I was overwhelmed by the amount of people who were passionate about the walk. Whether that was walking more than once around, stopping multiple times at the boards or coming up to the character council members throughout the event to just learn more. The issue of lack of clean water is an issue that deeply matters to me. The impact it has on women and young girls troubles me. They cannot go to school, instead they are lugging a 40 pound water jug every day. Therefore, I would like to continue to help support females in Africa, educate those around the world, and continue to work for clean water access around the world. I believe that if we work together than we can help fix the problems of dirty water, and female education.

Thank you,

Phebe



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Hello, my name is Saradeepika Dasari. I am a student of the 7th grade character council. My birthday is May 27, 2011, and I am 12 years old. Things I like to do are dancing, gymnastics, and traveling. Outside of character council, I take gymnastic classes and hang out with my friends.

I joined character council because I wanted to be of service to other people. Water is an especially important necessity, and everyone should be able to access it. Not just the rich, everyone. In character council, we read a book to 4th graders, made posters for advertising, contacted our close friends for donations, made learning boards to present to people at the walk, made a podcast called [Drops of Hope - YouTube](#) (please subscribe!), and organized the 3rd annual Walk for Water.



The Walk for Water has helped me to communicate with different people. When I first joined character council, I was not a people person, I really disliked talking in front of large crowds. Whenever I did, my stomach filled with butterflies. At the Walk for Water, we had to talk to many people as they were walking by asking them how they felt and if they were enjoying it. I was tense about it but as more people came and the more, I spoke with people, I was comfortable with it. Character council taught me many things. I am incredibly grateful to have been accepted into such a great club with a great cause.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan. It would mean a lot to know that I helped bring water to South Sudan.

Thank you kindly for your consideration!

Saradeepika Dasari ♡



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Hello, my name is Manu. I am from India and currently live in Georgia. I go to the proud Webb Bridge Middle School. I am part of the 7th grade character council. I love to draw, dance, sing, craft, and cook! I love hanging out with my friends and family. I also love to travel a lot! I am in orchestra and play the violin. I was in the 6th grade character council last year, and I loved it so much that I wanted to join the 7th grade character council this year!

I am so glad that Mrs. Foil, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Liming accepted me into 7th grade character council! I love helping others and knowing that it helped them and made a difference in their lives. I am happy to have gotten this opportunity to help and contribute to this amazing cause! I have never gotten such a big opportunity to help others, and when I got accepted into the council, I was just happy to know that what I am going to be doing is going to make a huge difference and impact on the lives of those woman and kids! I was stoked to start my journey in the council! We worked super hard and put our full efforts into this walk. I am so happy to see how many people came to the walk and how it was such a big hit! This walk also impacted me in a big way. I was super proud of myself, the council, and the teachers. I was super happy in a way I can never put into words. It was nice knowing that most woman and children don't have to walk so much for water that will last them for a day.

We also walked to Creek View Elementary and read the book I Dream of Water to fourth graders, some of them even showed up to the walk! I was so happy that the book that we read made a difference! It was such a proud moment for us to know that we were making a big difference, and that we were changing the lives of so many people! But all this would never ever happen without all the people that came and supported this cause! So many took the initiative to help and make a difference. Even though some people might not have shown up to the walk, they helped us raise over \$6,000! I am so happy and proud to be a part of this team that helps make a big difference!

We walked so that others don't have to. If you want to help our cause, it is not too late! You can still donate to our website! All the money that we fundraise, will go towards building and repairing wells in South Sudan!

Thank you!



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Hello, my name is Haris Kadayan. I am from the country of India, and I am a student in the Webb Bridge Middle School 7th Grade Character Council. In life, I really want to run a business and create new products because I want to create something that will help the world. I also want to pursue filmmaking because I have a passion for making movies. I want to entertain and inform people with my work.

Since I joined the Character Council in 6th grade, I have talked to many different people, raised thousands of dollars for charitable causes, and helped many in need. I also volunteered at this year's Walk for Water fundraising event. At the walk, I spoke to many people who were participating and told them about the water issues in South Sudan. I also used my filmmaking skills to make countless videos for the Council that inform viewers about issues that we are fixing and to advertise different fundraisers. I joined because I wanted to help people and solve huge problems in the world.

I have learned a lot from the Council. It has helped me develop my social skills. Now, I can effortlessly speak to large groups of people without any hesitation. I also became more aware and informed of the issues in other countries. It really made me think how we take things for granted in the United States, and even simple things like running water mean a lot to people in other countries.

Please consider helping me achieve my goals by donating to the Character Council so we can help many more people in need.

Thank you for your time,

Haris Kadayan

7th Grader at Webb Bridge Middle School



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My name is Sana Kamalraj, I am 12 years old, and was born in Houston, Texas. I am a part of the 7th grade WBMS character council. I have been playing tennis since I was in 4th grade, have been dancing since I was 6 years old, and during the summer I swim for a swim team. I also have been going to Tamil school every Sunday since kindergarten.

I joined character council because ever since I was little, I have always wanted to help other people whether it was for borrowing a pencil or donating 12 inches of my own hair to a cancer organization, so that they can make wigs out of it.

At the Walk for water, I overcame my fear of public-speaking, this has been one of my biggest fears ever. Whenever I'm in front of even 3 or 4 people, I get tense, but now since I had to talk to tons of people for the learning boards, I feel better about talking to bigger groups. I still do get scared sometimes, but it has improved significantly. I feel like being in character council, I have learned many things that helped me improve my knowledge in the problems of South Sudan and other skills to help me further in life like time management, etc.

Thank you for your time!

Sana



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Hi, my name is Samantha. I'm 12 years old, and I am a part of the WBMS 7th grade character council. I am Korean-American and I was born in Georgia. I love drawing and spending time with friends and family. I play piano and clarinet, and I was in the GMEA 7th grade All-State band. When I grow up, I want to be a veterinarian because I want to help animals. Animals are the most innocent living things on earth, so I want them to be happy and healthy.

I joined character council because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of people, even if they were thousands of miles away from me. Throughout the year, we worked on spreading understanding about the water issue in South Sudan through reading to elementary students and making videos to post on the school news. However, in my opinion, the most important thing we did to make a difference was setting up the Walk for Water.

The Walk for Water was an amazing event for me because I got to experience how it feels like to be involved and make a difference through the community. I had to complete my job, work at the Village Market, and talk to people at my learning board all during that event. Doing all those things made me feel like I was a part of the community, and reflecting about it afterwards helped me realize that actual lives of people would be changed through every kid and adult that participated in the event. If only 2 middle schools can pitch in and help save up to 20 villages in South Sudan, hundreds of lives would be saved if more schools and communities helped this cause.

Please consider sponsoring me so that awareness can be spread about the issue, and so that even more lives can be saved.

Thank you so much!
Samantha Kim

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**NIRVANA
MAIBAM**

7TH Grade Student

Proud Member of 7th

Character Council 23-24

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Hello! My name is Nirvana Maibam.

I am currently a proud member of the 7th Grade Character Council. I'm 13, and I am from Manipur, India. I have multiple hobbies I really enjoy, like drawing, playing musical instruments, solving challenging puzzles etc. I want to become a Senior Software Engineer at a big company or a successful entrepreneur that changes people's lives with technology.

I joined character council because I love helping others in various places around the world that do not have the privileges or luxury of others, and even if I, as a single person, cannot make much of a change, a big group of students who have the same goal as me can make a big change that could possibly save a whole country, and I am proud to be a part of this effort to change others.

Before I joined character council, my life was a simple one where I didn't care much about others and their conditions. I didn't have lots of fun work to do, and I wasn't able to make new friends and connections. Once I joined Character Council, it helped me because I had something to contribute my unused efforts to, I was able to make new friends and enjoy doing loads of work with them, even if the work wasn't fun or challenging. It also changed my perspective on the community because I learnt about the people who didn't have much of a luxury as I thought they did, like not having clean water to drink, being prone to diseases, not being able to go to school etc., and it fueled me to make a big change in their lives with the help of others.

Thanks for inviting me to help bring water to people in South Sudan!

Sincerely,
Nirvana Maibam



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Hey there! My name is Ryan, and I am a WBMS Student in 7th grade! I am 13 years old and I am currently an online Music and Pre-AP World History Tutor of 4 years and a 7th Grade Character Council Leader! I am from Manipur India and outside of school, I am a small chamber orchestra director (made up of friends) and an amateur composer. My dream has always been to become a History and Music Professor in one of the country's best universities. This is something I need to work extremely hard to achieve.

I joined character council because I want to be part of something good and wanted to leave a good mark on the world early on in life. It has been a great experience thus far. Reading a book to 4th graders, hosting our fundraiser Walk for Water, and raising funds through other methods. It is awesome!

Before the Walk for Water, I thought water scarcity was an issue only in one small part of the world. I knew it was a major issue but did not know where all this occurs or where all it is affecting. In preparation for the walk, I learned many new things I did not know before joining and once the day of the walk arrived, I was impressed with the number of people we had attending and the

number of people who actually stopped to listen to the learning boards along the way and learn something new!

Please consider donating to our cause to help South Sudan get water!

Regards,

Ryan Maibam

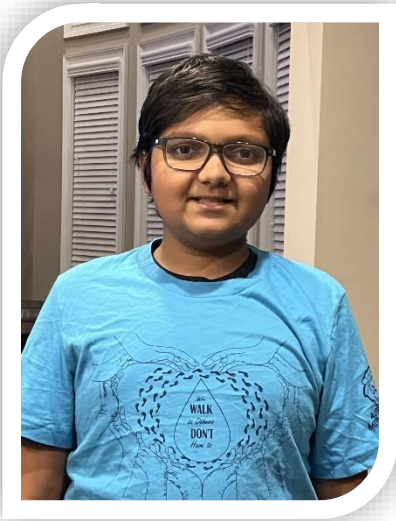


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Hi, my name is Shourya Namuduri, and I am a 7th Grader at Webb Bridge Middle School, and I am 13 years old. I live with my parents and my little sister. My goal in life is to be a neurosurgeon because I like learning about the brain, and I think the brain is very interesting and I also want to help other people. This will take a lot of time to accomplish but I will accomplish it. Some hobbies I have are playing the alto saxophone and riding on my bike. I was also in the Character Council last year in 6th grade.

During Character Council, we made videos about the water issue in South Sudan, we read a book called "I Dream of Water" by Shawn Small to the 4th graders at Creek View Elementary School, and we also created a podcast called "Drops of Hope". The biggest thing I learned during Character Council is about the water issue in South Sudan and that if you educate someone about the water crisis in South Sudan, they will learn it, they will understand it and they will spread the issue to other people after learning about it. During the walk, I was one of the group members of Learning Board 4: Economy Matter. We spoke to many people passing by about how the economy will be impacted negatively due to the lack of clean water. I feel like I learned in detail about this issue and educated other people about this issue.



Before I joined Character Council, I didn't know much about the water problems in South Sudan. When I saw the link for the Character Council application, I immediately signed up because I knew I wanted to help people and I wanted to learn more about the water issue in South Sudan. When I got accepted into Character Council, I was very happy and excited because I wanted to help people in South Sudan. Since then, I attended most of the meetings because I was motivated to help people in South Sudan. Now I know a lot about the water problems in South Sudan and I am proud of myself for knowing that I helped raise a lot of money for the water issue in South Sudan by educating people about the lack of clean water in South Sudan.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan. It would mean a lot to me to know that I would get sponsored to help South Sudan.

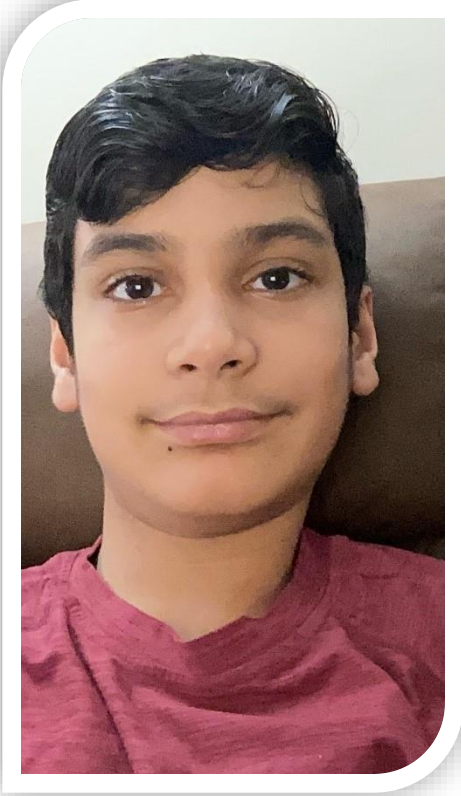
Thank you kindly for your consideration!

Shourya Namuduri



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Hi, my name is Garv, and I am a member of the 7th grade character council. I have many hobbies outside of school ranging from volunteering to simply playing video games. Everyone will enjoy joining the Character Council if they try. It is fun and also helps you to make a difference while also teaching you social skills and many other things.

There were two main reasons why I joined Character Council this year. Firstly, I didn't join it last year and was jealous of all the cool things the council did to help the refugees and make a difference. I also wanted to help people struggling to not access water. After reading the book, I was shocked to learn that it happens in real life, and it is not fair. I joined the council to help make a difference.

The Walk for Water made me feel like I was making a real difference. We helped repair wells in over 6 villages this year. It also showed me the difficult life that people can have. I also did the actual walk, and it was hard. I can't imagine doing that everyday just to get unclean water that has

to be boiled.

Thank you for your time,

Garv



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Hi, my name is Samhitha Palem. I am a student of Webb Bridge, and I'm in 7th grade character council. I am 12 years old, and I was born in India. In my free time, I like to sing, draw, paint, and sometimes play badminton. I also do chorus! When I grow up, I want to be a doctor, because I want to help people, and save many people's lives. I joined character council because I want to help people and make a positive impact of people in South Sudan! I wanted to spread the message, so that people's lives would be better. I believe that a small step at a time can lead to one big difference.

In my character council experiences, I interacted with a lot of people, and learned to be a leader in a way. In character council, we read books to 4th graders, created learning boards, and moreover we all did our part to make the Walk for Water successful.

The Walk for Water impacted me because it made me understand world-wide issues in Africa. It made me more responsible, and to raise awareness. Sometimes I can be shy, but the Walk for Water made me brave, and all my experiences made me feel confident.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan. It would mean a lot to know that I helped bring water to South Sudan.

Thank you kindly for your consideration,

Samhitha Palem



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Hi my name is Aditya Prasad and I am from the country of India and I am a student in the character councils. My hobbies and interests are coding, playing video games, and playing sports. I like the colors white and blue because they match together pretty well. I like playing lots of sports but my favorite sport is soccer the sports I play is tennis and basketball. Outside of character council I do orchestra, code, soccer classes, and other classes.

I joined character council to have fun and learn more about other people and learn ways on how to help them. Character council lets me help other people and I am glad that I can be a part of helping others. Character council has lots of fun events and fun activities and we all work together to find out ways we can help people. For example, we donated over 6000 dollars to South Sudan to give people water. Character

council helped me help people and it was really fun to be in it.

The walk for water was a very fun event with lots of activities and lots of things you could do at it. The walk for water impacted me because it helped me learn how to publicly speak to people and help people understand how people in South Sudan feel about not having water. The walk for water provided us with lots of money to support the people in South Sudan so they can get clean and easy access to water.

Please choose me to help South Sudan. I would really want to know my contributions on to helping South Sudan and try to help it better.

Thank you for your time,

-Aditya Prasad



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Hello! My name is Amogh, and I'm 12 years old. I was born in the United States and have lived here my entire life. Outside of school, I play basketball and the violin. I am interested in the field of medicine and my dream is to become a neurologist.

I joined Character Council because I wanted to make a positive impact on the world in any way I could. I knew about the water issues in South Sudan, but the experience of being on the council has taught me so much more and I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve people less privileged than me.

The Walk for Water was an impactful experience for me. I was amazed by how many people showed up to the event. It was extremely successful, and made me realize how the strength of a community can make a significant difference. Seeing so many people come together to support a cause and work towards a common goal was truly inspiring. It taught me that our community was full of kind people who truly cared and were willing to help people in need. The students at our school and their families and friends alone put together a shocking amount of money, enough to repair 6 wells. This surprised me a lot and it made me proud that the various tasks completed by the council actually made a visible difference in the lives of so many people.

Please consider donating to our cause to help the lives of people without access to clean water in South Sudan.

Thank you,

Amogh Purohit



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Hi there, my name is Abhinaya and I'm part of the 7th grade character council at Webb Bridge Middle School! I am 12 years old, and I like art, science, math, and music. I joined character council because I wanted to do my part to help with our service-learning.

We have been raising money for a very important cause, increasing access to clean water in South Sudan. So far, taught people about this crisis and made a lot of money toward repairing wells. The Walk for Water was one of the most important events throughout our journey. Not only was it very beneficial toward our cause, but it was also a very enjoyable experience working with character council toward a common goal.

Being in character council has also taught me many skills like, communication, teamwork, and so much more. Using the theme of "grassroots", I believe all of us have grown and improved during the time we have spent working for this cause and will continue to do so.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan.

Thank you for your time,

Abhinaya Ranjith Ratna Kumar



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Hello, my name is Mayank. I am a student in the WBMS 7th grade character council. I am 13 years old. I am from New Delhi, India. My hobbies are building Lego and playing soccer. My goal in life is to be a doctor. I want to be a doctor because I want to help people, this is something I will have to work on daily to accomplish.

I joined character council because I want to help people and character council has been a wonderful experience so far. In Character Council I got to talk to 5th graders, make posters, host our fundraiser – THE WALK FOR WATER with my fellow character council members, etc. I also joined because I wanted to try something new and improve myself too.

Before Character Council, I was not a people person, and at the walk, I had to speak to approximately 120 members of our community as they completed the course. I spoke about how girls cannot get education because they have to fetch water because men have more priority. This helped me be more confident in public speaking. I also did not know that lack of water could lead to terrible things like lack of education, low economy, low health, etc.

Please consider donating to our cause to provide water to South Sudan!

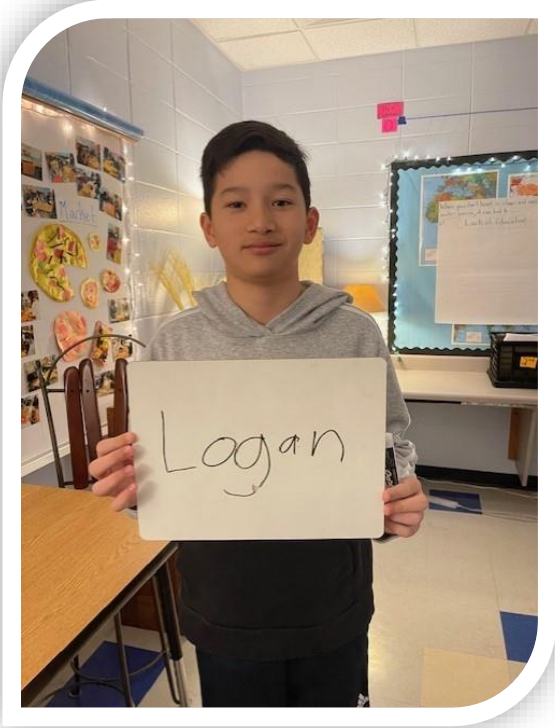
Regards,
Mayank Satija



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Hello, my name is Logan. I am one of the 7th grade character council leaders. In life, I want to become a software engineer. I want to do this because I enjoy working with technology, and I want to use this to help develop new inventions in the world. I have worked to do this, and I can do some programming with robots in Java and Python.



Ever since I have joined character council, I have had many new experiences, such as teaching 4th graders at Creek View Elementary School, creating learning boards for the Walk for Water, helping collect donations, and organizing the Walk for Water. One of the biggest things I have learned on the character council was putting in lots of work and hours to get things done. Character council requires lots of effort to participate effectively, so it helped me learn how to be determined and persistent.

Before character council, I was quiet and awkward when I spoke to a group of people. Now, I have spoken to elementary school students, and I feel way more confident when speaking with people. Sometimes, I even volunteer to present my projects.

Please consider sponsoring me to help bring water to South Sudan. I really want to help these people, so it would mean a lot if you were able to do this.

Thank you for your consideration!

Logan Seyler



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Hello, my name is Akshan Srivastava. I am a student in the WBMS 7th grade character council. My goal in life is to be a scientist (physics). Some of my hobbies are drawing, playing sports, listening to music, and playing video games. I hope to work hard throughout school and earn the job of a physicist.

Since being on council, I talked to 4th graders, made podcasts, collected donations, and recorded at the annual WBMS Walk for Water. The biggest thing I learned during my character council experiences was helping people. I learned selflessness through character council, I learned how to help people and make a positive impact. At the walk, I learned about leading people when I spoke about the learning boards and when I interviewed people for the Drops of Hope podcast. I have now learned about how South Sudan needs water and its problems.

Character council has taught me how to lead and how to make a positive impact by helping people in need.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan. It would mean a lot to know that I helped bring water to South Sudan.

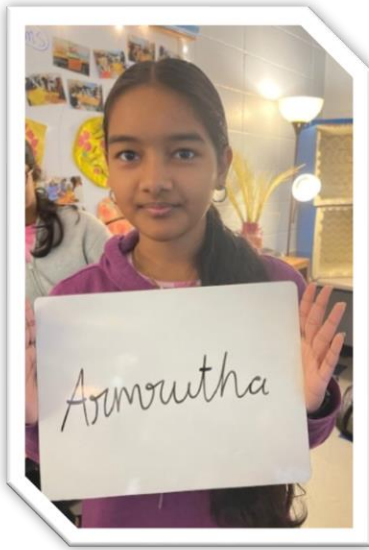
Thank you kindly for your consideration!

Regards, Akshan Srivastava



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My name is Amrutha Ramanan Thakku, and I am from the 7th grade character council. I moved to the US from India when I was 10, and I have spent 2 wonderful years in Georgia. I love to spend quality time with my friends and family. Some hobbies that I have are Kuchipudi dancing (Indian dance form), riding a bike, painting, reading a book, drawing, and especially listening to music.

I was a part of the 6th grade character council. From the very start of it I just loved the things we did. We helped many refugees coming from all over the world, which made me feel proud and happy to be a part of that big organization and to help so many people with their lives. That feeling of happiness and joy made me want to help more people. Another reason was how I felt learning about the refugees. I was able to think and feel the pain that refugees go through. After learning about the people in South Sudan, I couldn't stop thinking about them, and the feel of wanting to help them. 7th grade character council was the perfect opportunity for that. This was more than an opportunity; it was life to many people living in South Sudan.

When I started learning about water scarcity in South Sudan, that was all I could think about. Every time I saw water or someone wasting it, the problems in South Sudan is the first thing that rings a bell in me. I thought that people usually don't like spending things that do not help them gain wealth or happiness. Although that's what society seems like, I saw that people at WBMS and people close to our school cared about water scarcity in South Sudan. Many people had come to the walk for water which explained my change of heart about society.

Thank you!

Amrutha



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Hello! My name is Naga Thota, and I am a student in the 7th grade Character Council. I originated from India and lived in the U.S. for about 12 years. I'm in the 7th grade Orchestra since I love working together with others to create great music. I also just like playing the violin in general and learning new skills on it. I'm also in the Jr. Beta club, which is all about having character, responsibility, and being a role model for others.

I joined Character Council to help others in need, and Character Council is all about that. The 7th Grade Character Council is helping raise over \$20,000 to repair wells in South Sudan, and I joined the team to make it happen. To help a good cause like this, it couldn't have happened with one person. We worked together as a community to do this, and I don't regret participating in this.

The Walk for Water was a fantastic event! There were so many people to meet, and the market was a fun place. The walk was also great and educational. The event made me realize how hard it is for women and children in South Sudan to get to a well for water and go back to their homes. They must walk so far to fetch water from a distant well and must go all the way back to their homes. Then, they must boil the water to get rid of bacteria. To replicate this, 4 laps around the entire school must be walked! I realize now that all of what we did in Character Council has a huge impact, and everything that we did was one step closer to our goal. The Walk for Water also impacted me! I am more sociable now after educating people in the walk about how the environment can impact water. I also volunteered in more service work after the walk.

Please consider sponsoring me to help South Sudan. It would mean so much to know that I helped bring clean water to South Sudan.

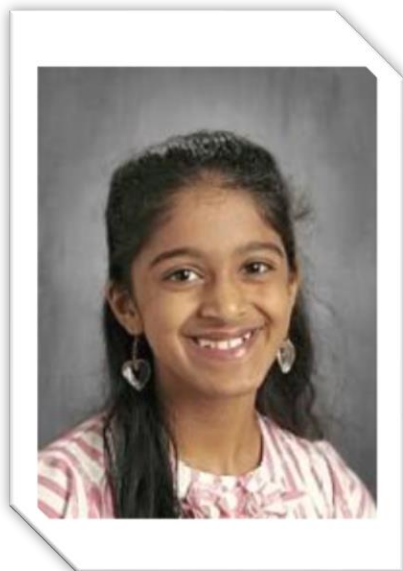
Thank you kindly for your consideration,

Naga Thota



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Hello, my name is Aakanksha Vanaparathi. I am 12 years old, and I was born in India. I am a student at WBMS and a part of the 7th grade character council. Outside of school I do Kuchipudi (an Indian classical dance), and I am a part of WBMS chorus. I am also a part of an advanced choral ensemble, Jag Choir, outside of school. I love spending time with family and friends, playing outside, playing badminton, dancing, singing, and baking. When I grow up, I want to be a software engineer so that I can create solutions that have a real impact on society and make a positive difference in the world and contribute to the advancement of technology for the betterment of society.

The reason why I joined character council is because I have been a member since 6th grade and seeing the way people are impacted by our service makes me feel happy and know that I left a positive impact on someone's life. Throughout the year as part of character council, I have helped spread the word to families and friends, donated to our fundraiser, create billboards and posters to educate my fellow peers, read to 4th graders to teach them about this issue, and organized and helped make the walk for water successful.

The walk for water impacted me by making me more aware of the issues outside of the U.S., and that life is not easy as it is for most people as for the people in South Sudan. This event changed my perspective by making me think about how the world might seem like a place that is happy and full of laughter, but in reality, some places have it hard, and it is not always easy to accomplish a task as taking a sip of water for people of South Sudan. From this event, I opened my eyes and came to the conclusion that we shouldn't take things for granted, because there are people who have to work hard just to be able to do something such as taking a sip of clean fresh water. It taught me the power of community, support, and standing up for what you believe in. I am grateful for the experience and the confidence it has given me to speak out on important issues.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and helping me continue my service learning

-Aakanksha Vanaparathi



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Hello, my name is gabby, and I am a 7th grade student at wbms. I enjoy playing trumpet, playing flag football, cheering. When I grow up, I want to be a pediatrician or a photographer. I am in the seventh-grade character council. And this year I helped with our school's big fundraiser, the walk for water.

I joined the 7th grade character council because what we are doing here is changing lives. What we do in character council saves, builds up, and makes new lives for people in South Sudan. The walk for water fundraiser is where we make the most money. The walk for water is where people of all ages come to wbms and walk around the school and track. The walking that we do may not be the part that gets us money but, as you walk around you see these things called learning boards.

There were seven learning boards at the walk, and they all were there to teach you about varied reasons why we were raising money for South Sudan. For example, we walk because water is basic. Water is basic is the non-profit organization that we are giving the money to. Water is basic uses the money we give them to buy supplies and teach women in South Sudan how to build and repair wells.

The reason donating money to them is so important is because children and women in south must walk lot's miles every day to get to a water hole and back, just to get enough water to last them for one day, and the water is not even drinkable, you must boil out all the bacteria. The children doing this do not have enough time to go to school, so they have no education. So, please help them, and Dontate to the cause.

-gabby williams

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Hello, my name is Erin Yi! I am a 7th grader, and I am 13 years old. Being part of the character council is an amazing experience! I am a Korean American and I was born in Reno, Nevada. I love traveling with my family, drawing, playing my viola, reading, and listening to music. My favorite place to participate in is the Beethoven Chamber Orchestra. When I was in second grade, I won Young Georgia Authors Competition. I have also been a winner of the PTA reflections as well as first in the middle school division for another art competition called Youth Birding Competition hosted by Georgia DNR.

I joined character council because last year when I was in 6th grade I went to the Walk for Water, and it was extremely inspiring. The learning boards and how everyone was just so happy and having fun motivated me to make a difference. After the walk I told myself that I would join character council no matter what and that I would work hard to change the life of women and children in South Sudan.

Since joining the character council I have made learning boards, talked to 4th graders, hosted a stand at the village market, helped the walk come to life, filmed videos, made flyers, and most importantly did lots of teamwork. My perspective on our community changed a lot because of this last experience, the community that we live in came to help us out on the walk. Complete strangers who heard from friends of families and they all came to learn at our learning boards and just being there helped save so many villages and so many people in South Sudan I am so glad that I joined character council this year and I will never regret this.

Please consider supporting me and our 7th grade WBMS Character Council so we can continue making a difference in people's lives. Sincerely,

Erin Yi



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