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"If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." John F. Kennedy (Inaugural Address, 1961)

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN

The 10th



[Annual Be the Star You Are!® Essay Contest](#) is underway. The topic for the contest is about

Message from Our Founder, Cynthia Brian

Do you know that a typical child in a middle-income household owns 13 books, but among low-income households, the ratio is only one book for every 300 children? America definitely is suffering in a literacy crisis and we have the power to make a difference.

With the recent tornado devastation in so many states, Be the Star You Are!® volunteers have once again initiated [Operation Disaster Relief](#), this time to get books to those who have suffered. The goal is to ship in time for holiday gifts to be distributed. We need your help. Watch the [video](#). [Learn](#) more. [Donate](#).

Tuesday, December 3rd is [National Giving Tuesday](#), a time that everyone is encouraged to make a tax-deductible [donation](#) to a charity. We hope that you will select [Be the Star You Are!®](#) as your charity of choice. It's easy!. You can [donate directly](#) at our web site via PAYPAL at <http://www.bethestaryouare.org/donate.htm>. You can send a check to PO Box 376, Moraga, Ca. 94556. Or you can even do your holiday shopping on-line and choose [Be the Star You Are!®](#) as your cause. It doesn't cost you a thing. Here are two places with thousands of stores to choose from:

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It's hard to imagine that our 35th President has been gone for fifty years. But his legacy of helping those less fortunate lives on. We hope you will answer his call and make a difference for others with your tax deductible donation to [Be the Star You Are!®](#). Everyone at Be the Star You Are!® is a

being an American. [Enter](#) today to win money, radio interviews, books, publication, publicity, and more. Show your stars and stripes!

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DONATE TO TORADO DISASTER RELIEF



Whenever a natural disaster occurs, Be the Star You Are!® charity mobilizes [OPERATION DISASTER RELIEF](#) to get books, DVD's, videos, games, and other resources to the victims through our Operation Disaster Relief Program. Over a thousand homes were destroyed in the recent Washington, Illinois tornado disaster. A donation of \$25 ships a small box of books, \$100 ships a case of brand new books. Any amount will help the victims. All donations are tax deductible and can be made via [PAYPAL](#)

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PRESS

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volunteers are also writers. Check out [Book Reviews](#), [In the News](#), [Blogs](#)

Thank to the [Lamorinda Weekly](#) for publishing Teen Scene. Published this month: [Eric Pawlakos](#)
[Alex Pawlakos](#)
[Kennie Sue](#)

volunteer. Besides shipping new books to those in need, helping with Disaster Relief, and broadcasting positive message radio shows, your contribution keeps our programs alive. [Read](#) about the various ways your donation helps.

Congratulations to the volunteers for making Be the Star You Are!® a top rated charity for 2013 once again. It's an honor that is only bestowed on a select few non profits and we have won the honor every year since inception.

To all of our volunteers, supporters, and donors, we give you a big thanks for your dedication and your dollars. Wishing you a blessed, beautiful, bountiful Thanksgiving.

Our sincerest gratitude,

Cynthia Brian

Founder/Executive Director

My virtual door is open. Email, Cynthia@bethestaryoaure.org.



Music for a Great Cause



On Halloween, volunteer Andrew Wang along with a chamber group of friends performed some spooky and whimsical tunes in the BTSYA Trick or [Treat for Literacy Campaign](#). The trick-or-treaters happily rejoiced in the combined atmosphere of bright harmonies and free candy. "It feels like we're trick-or-treating in Disneyland," exclaimed a trick or

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treater. Little kids dressed in vampire and princess costumes flocked around to enjoy the music and show their support by stuffing a dollar or two in the [donation](#) box. Even parents, who weren't trick-or-treating, showed great interest in the music and the charity, clapping along with the music and dancing. Andrew will bring his troubadours to the Orinda Library on December 21 to raise money for Operation Disaster Relief. A big shout out to Andrew for spearheading these fun events.

Teens Celebrate Two Years of International Broadcasts



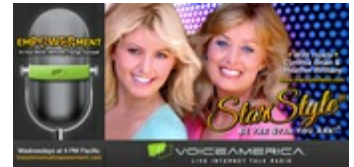
This November, the teen hosts and reporters from around the USA celebrated two years of weekly broadcasting their radio show, [Express Yourself!™](#) on the [Voice America Kids Network](#). What began two years ago with 6 teen reporters has grown to 22! On [December 10th](#), tune into their 100th program of giving youth a voice with special guest, teen TV & film star, [Jonathan Morgan Heit](#), star of Date Night, Valentine's Day, & Deadtime Stories. Congratulations to our star team of hosts and reporters. [Learn more about them.](#) Tune in every [Tuesday NOON PT.](#) [Photos, links, and descriptions!](#) Special recognition to host [Youngjoo Ahn](#) who has been hosting for 1.5 years weekly!



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twice." Don Miquel de
Cervantes (1547-1616)*



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who is making a difference in
the life of another. Our
heartfelt appreciation to all of
our amazing volunteers,
donors, and supporters.
May you enjoy the blessings
of the season, especially this
week of Thanksgiving. Happy
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