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PIN Auction Sept Beneficiary - Jitha's life!



Jitha is a spunky, silly, beautiful 3 year old who was adopted from India this past spring. Jitha has a form of dwarfism called achondroplasia. She has been doing so amazing thriving and learning since coming home in April



With Jitha not having any medical care for her dwarfism before coming home her medical team. After further testing the neurosurgeon determined that Jitha's spinal column at the

base of her skull is very narrow, so narrow that it is pressing into and causing damage to her spinal cord. According to the surgeon she is a miracle because based on the damage he was seeing she should be showing many signs of spinal compression yet she is showing none! Jitha will be having decompression surgery on September 7th. This surgery will be to remove a portion of her C1 and C2 bones in her neck. With the removal of these sections her spinal column will be able to widen and relieve the pressure on her spinal cord. The surgery will require a couple days in the ICU and up to a week on the regular floor in the hospital. This week then be followed by several weeks of recovery at home. She is mommy's little warrior and fighter!

President's Note

I returned to my birthplace after 5 long years and got to spend quality time with family and friends. I got a chance to check out the variety of sarees and new fashion in India. Some of the things are exactly the same and many others have changed. Most notably, I see a lot more young women wearing ethnic wear with pride. Everyone was amazed to hear about the love for all things ethnic here in the US. Let's continue to amaze and inspire!

Namitha Nayak

PIN GRANTS

Accepting Grant requests for 2022

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KINDNESS IS LOANING SOMEONE YOUR STRENGTH, INSTEAD OF REMINDING THEM OF THEIR WEAKNESS

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CHARITY SPOTLIGHT – YBS KIDS

Q: Tell us a little bit abt your org and mission?

A: In 2019, our founder decided it was time for our young children in suburban communities to hear and discover their rich heritage. Our children are missing the essence of culture and unity in today's society, so educating our children through diversity is more important than ever. That is why we ultimately decided to launch YBS Kids.

Young, Black, and Suburban Kids is dedicated to teaching young people cultural history, life skills, and community involvement in ways that empower them for a better future. Our vision is to inspire children to become who they want to be and influence self-confidence and pride.

Q What were the key projects of 2021 and how do you think the funds from PIN helped?

A: At the end of the year, we launched our Access to Awesome college readiness program for 13-18 years old. Throughout 2021 we offer enrichment workshops for young people to explore cultural awareness, life skills, and charity work. We acquired our first corporate partner, which allows us to provide donate over \$3000 worth of library books and classroom supplies to local schools.

Q: Your org was one of the recipients of PIN grants last year. How did you put the funds to use? Can you share the breakdown of funds utilization?

A: With the help of the PIN Grant, we were able to purchase new chrome book computers from Best Buy. Using our tax-exempt status, we could buy four laptops at \$249 each, totaling \$996.00. The children and youth used these devices in the workshop by conducting college research, learning about the top 10 Texas colleges and universities, and more.

Q. If there was one thing you need to scale your org to the next level, what would it do be ?

A: Improve Marketing Effectiveness. We want to scale up an effective plan to attract more parents, young people, donors, and volunteers.

Q: What is your org's focus/goals for 2022?

A: In 2022, YBS Kids will focus on increasing visibility and developing our Access to Awesome by hosting fun and energetic workshop for middle and high school students.

Here is a look at our organization's upcoming events:

- September 2022- Let's Talk: Today's Careers

Q: How can one donate to your organization

We welcome donations or sponsorships from businesses and individuals to help

further our mission and reach more young people.

Your readers can donate in a few ways:

- Online Giving -Paypal at <https://bit.ly/3wSPpw8>
- Workplace Giving (Employee Volunteer and Company Donor Match)
<https://causes.benevity.org/causes/search>
- By Mail: YBS Kids, 500 North Central Expressway, Suite 500, Plano, TX 75074
- Support YBS Kids by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com



Meet our Everyday Hero

Tanvi Padala

**Age: 12 years
Flower Mound, TX**



Favorite Quote
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss.



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Meet our Everyday Hero- Tanvi Padala

Tanvi Padala is a 12-year-old published author, poet and visual storyteller from Flower Mound, Texas. Some of her accomplishments are :

- She is a Student Council Officer and also a Kindness Ambassador at her school.. In her free time, Tanvi loves playing tennis, and has a passion for exploring and learning about robotics, science and technology.
- Represented her school in multitude of competitions. She won the 'Award of Excellence' for her film 'Go Green: Let's Stop Global Warming' at the Texas State PTA Reflections Program.
- Recently she participated in the First Lego League Robotics Competition and her team won the Innovation and Championship Award at the Texas Cup and have made it to the globals.
- She was chosen to be one of the 1,000 kids published in the 2022 I Am Texas Book and was one of the top 30 finalists for the Editors Choice Awards for poetry.

Tanvi also loves sharing her passion, work and journey on her Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/TanvisInMyEyes> that she launched recently.

Q: What made you think about starting such a venture when most people your age are only focusing on getting through schoolwork and having fun with friends?

Writing is my passion and words are a way for me to express myself and create a new world full of possibilities. Stuck at home as the pandemic worsened in May 2020, I wanted to find ways to keep myself engaged and share with my friends and family what I had learnt. Combining my passion of writing and video-making gave me a creative outlet to share and stay connected with everyone. Over a period of time I realized that pictures are worth a thousand words and videos are worth a thousand pictures. Using my imagination, observation and creativity, I can convey my vision of how I see the world and also share with others what I have learnt and make a positive difference.

Q: What do you enjoy about writing, robotics, science and technology?

Writing cultivates my ability to be eloquent, express my feelings and ideas and allows me to be creative.

Robotics is a fun and fascinating field, where everyday tasks can be performed by automation.

Participating in the First Lego League robotics competition the last couple of years has given me an opportunity to explore and learn something new. We had to work together as a team to plan a strategy so that the robot would accomplish as many missions as possible in two and a half minutes. The whole process of designing, programming and building a functional robot was very fascinating. We had to also research a community problem, and come up with an innovative solution. This year's theme was 'Cargo Connect' and we determined that the packaging process during the transportation of products currently has inefficiencies that cause emissions that can be avoided by use of artificial intelligence and the better use of robotics.

Science is my favorite subject. It is immensely vast and combining science with modern technologies including robots and the predictive intelligence of AI can contribute to digital health and significantly help in the healthcare field as well as other fields.

Q: What kind of response have you received from others?

The feedback that I received from my friends, family and teachers has been very positive and encouraging. My initial videos on promoting kindness and how to solve a Rubik's Cube received a very positive response and were posted on my school's website. I was able to spark interest in my friends to learn about topics like 'Augmented and Virtual Reality' through my tutorials. I have also made videos to raise awareness on topics like 'Climate Change' and how our actions can help slow down 'Global Warming'. Additionally, years of elementary school and middle school teachers appreciating my writing and work and using it as an example, fueled and honed that passion even more. I want to continue to raise awareness about topics that affect us in some way and also share with others what I have learnt.