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When Peyton was in high school, she realized that she knew the names of everyone in her class, except "the girl in the hijab."

Embarrassed, she befriended her, Khwala from Syria and learned about the discrimination migrants and refugees face.

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The club is now in 22 different schools, helps teach kids English, and has a reach of more than 1,500 students.

"We can all identify with the experience of refugees and immigrants, because we have been excluded at some point"
Rekha is from Bengal, India. When she was only 11 years old, her family wanted to marry her off to an older man. Rekha refused to because she wanted to focus on her studies.

Her strength, courage and tenacity at such a young age, inspired many people to challenge centuries of tradition in their culture.

Rekha participated in the "Door to Door" campaign, whose aim was to speak of the dangers of teen marriages and pregnancies.

Rekha is currently continuing her studies, and dreams of being a nurse.

She frequently gives lectures in different schools to inspire many other girls, who have high aspirations to help their society.

"I tell my friends to keep studying, that marriage can wait. If I can encourage them to study, I have done my job"
At age 6, Ruby was selected to be one of the first Black children to desegregate an all-white elementary school, and only one teacher wanted to teach her.

White parents were so angry that they protested outside of her school, and she therefore had to be escorted by the police to get inside the school and into her classroom.

Ruby was persistent and continued her studies, as she graduated from a desegregated High School and became a travel agent.

Ruby has since started an anti-racist foundation that fights for tolerance, respect, and appreciation of all differences.

"Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail."
When Zhan was 15 years old, the Chinese government banned Zhan from taking the entrance exam for high school in Shanghai.

Zhan could not take the exam because her family was from a small town, they were not from Shanghai, and they did not have the documents that the government required to take the exam.

Zhan did not give up, and decided to fight against China's educational system.

Zhan bravely participated in various protests, inspiring thousands of people to fight for their rights and speak out about the injustices of the government.

"The educational system has many issues and will not change in a single day. It needs our effort"
Her mother learned the Braille language so that Milagros, despite being blind, could go to school and learn.

Milagros had many obstacles, because the education systems in most countries around the world ignore people with disabilities.

There are those who have the best disposition to help, but have never been taught what it means to work with someone with a disability.

Milagros received a scholarship to enter Harvard University, for being a great writer and continues to advocate for all people who, in the same situation, cannot dream or aspire to have the same possibilities.

"We must fight so that success stories are no longer exceptions, but common realities for all people."
Xian runs a food business in Changdu and when she learned that health workers in Wuhan, the city where the pandemic began, were spending long hours without eating, she wanted to help.

Xian, with determination and temperance, obtained all the necessary permits to travel more than 10 hours, and bring along with 9 volunteers more tons of food.

Xian and all her team wore raincoats, masks, and caps so as not to pollute, or get contaminated. They knew her as "the raincoat girl."

For 40 days, Xian and her team cooked more than 20,000 meals for the Wuhan health team in more than 20 hospitals, which was only possible because many people helped.

"I am no longer the 'raincoat girl', but the symbol of thousands of good-hearted people who want to help"
Yusra is from Damascus, Syria.

Her dream was to compete in the Olympics. In 2011, the civil war started in Syria.

In 2015, when Yusra was 17 years old, she and her sister, along with thousands of others, had to flee Syria.

In a 6-person boat, 20 refugees escaped to Greece.

The boat broke down. Yusra, her sister and 2 other people swam for 3 and a half hours in the open sea, pulling the boat to save the entire crew.

A year later, in 2016, Yusra's courage allowed her to be part of the first Olympic refugee team and compete in swimming in Brazil.

Yusra is going to compete in the next Olympics.

"Keep dreaming even if other people discourage you. The world needs women and girls. Look up. You are strong."