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SEEING IS BELIEVING!

13YO WINS \$1,000 GRANT TO HELP KIDS STAY OPTIMISTIC & ENTERTAINED IN THE HOSPITAL

Rhode Island: Most 13 year olds like to take a break from friends and school to watch movies and play video games but when Torrin Thorp was required to spend a lot of time in the hospital for Asthma, that became the *only* thing he could do for a while. Thorp began to look forward to and rely on the entertainment there to get through some painful, challenging procedures. His brother also went through surgery around the same time and had a similar experience. Being at the hospital so often they would both quickly reach the bottom of the movie and video game options and wished for more of a selection. Thorp wanted to take action to change this and encourage the friends he made that were still in the hospital too. In 2015, Thorp started the “The Helping Hand.” *“I painted a big box and decorated it to collect DVD’s. I placed the box at my school and the principal included my project in his weekly newsletter to parents. My Mom helped me spread the word and pretty soon the donations started flowing in. So far I have donated almost 2,000 movies and games.”* Thorp said.



“I think it should be called a transition, not being homeless. It’s just a rough time that they need some extra help to get through.”

- 13YO Torrin Thorp

After the initial excitement grew for Thorp’s project, he knew he wanted to do more and went looking for resources and help for kids like him. That’s when he found, Daisy Button Believes, a social networking community for kids doing philanthropic projects in their community. Last month Thorp was selected as the winner of their seventh \$1,000 grant. *“I’m so honored to be chosen, I plan to use the money to buy some used gaming systems for the hospital and expand my charity work even more.”* Torrin said. *“I live in the country but when I go to the hospital, it is in the city. I see homeless people standing on almost every corner. It makes me very sad that I have so much and people need help for just basic things. I’m going to begin making Blessing Bags for them too.”* He added.

DaisyButtonBelieves.com was founded by children’s author Tracey Serebin. She was inspired to create the site after working with schools in New Jersey. *“I realized there was no central location that kids could learn from each other, find the resources they needed to take their ideas to the next level, and get feedback from other kids who had succeeded in a big way. I also wanted to expose them to adult role models that have created successful platforms and used their money and position for good.”* Serebin said.



The site combines direct access to successful kid CEO’s and start up experts with \$1000 grants and the much needed social aspect this generation thrives on. Past winners include Sally Campbell (13) founder of Sallybrating with a Cause, raising money for Cancer patients, Brooke Thomas (11) founder of The Thomas Promise Foundation, filling backpacks for hungry kids in her community, Violet Humble (8), founder of VOLT, feeding the homeless. **This month’s grant for Torrin was funded by Bud Risser, Owner of Risser Oil Corporation, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist**

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