



# THE YOUNG OPINION

THE VOICE OF YOUR FUTURE

## MAGIC CHRONICLES

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# Founder's Message: Aarav Modi

I believe that ideas can come from anywhere and anything. For example, Roshni (the co-head) sent me her paintings and one automatic thought came to me, "What if these paintings were in a magazine?" So then Roshni and I gathered all my friends and told them our mission to create a magazine which portrays our opinions as youths. I would like to thank all my friends who believed in this goal and my parents for supporting me. I would also like to thank my brother for helping me and lots of thanks to: Roshni, Siya, Earagan, Dhruv, Varuni, Riya, Sreenita and Jay. I wouldn't have finished anything without their support and tremendous help. Anyone who is reading this right now and has something that they would like to showcase, do not hesitate to contact us on our website. To wrap it up, Jay has one goal and I have the same one, we hope to have a Wikipedia page in the near future. Stay home, stay safe!



## About Us

As "The Young Opinion", we are a group of young individuals who strive to express our unique perspectives to the world through this creative medium. We make it our priority to educate and empower young audiences and encourage them to display their talents and thoughts through opportunities presented by our magazine. Our team consists of youths with talents in a variety of facets ranging from journalism, photography to even various types of art. We take pride in being the next generation and try our very best to use the skills we have to spread awareness on topics, we as youth feel need to be addressed. As a group, we collectively feel, that no matter how long it takes and no matter how small each step, we will try to the best of our abilities, to make sure our voices are heard.



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# Leading NGOs and other organizations

By Sreenita Nair (Grade 8)

NGOs are nonprofit organizations that operate independently without being overseen by a government. Most NGOs' purposes are to address social or political issues worldwide. Some of the most popular NGOs around the world are Doctors Without Borders, Worldreader, Goonj, Thorn, and UNAIDS. All these organizations are driven to contribute to the greater good of the world. The organizations described below are this edition's favourite top three and explains how they are contributing positively to the world.

Number one on Young Opinion's do-good organizations' list is Doctors Without Borders. The Doctors Without Borders organization's mission is to provide medical relief to the sufferers of war, disease, and a natural or man-made disaster, without regard to their race, religion, gender, or any other means of segregation. Doctors Without Borders was founded in 1971 by 13 physicians and journalists who were unsatisfied with the impartiality of the Red Cross. The founders believed that people in trouble deserved the right to medical attention and that the need to help others trumped national borders. They also felt that they had a duty to talk about injustice, even if it did offend host governments. Doctors Without Borders directed its first major relief effort in 1972, helping victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua, soon after that many other significant missions followed formally establishing the organization. On any given day MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) medical teams,

comprised of 34 000 committed people from many diverse nationalities, can be found at around 460 projects over the 70 countries where they provide their assistance. The people who work for this amazing organization are doctors, nurses, midwives, epidemiologists, water-and-sanitation experts and many others who combine their professional expertise and knowledge with their commitment to assist the world's most vulnerable people. They run programs in the most remote locations and are usually the first international aid workers on the scene of an emergency varying from earthquakes or floods to epidemic outbreaks and armed conflicts. To sum up, *"Our mission is to alleviate suffering, protect life and health, and to restore respect for human beings and their fundamental human rights."* *"We bring down barriers that keep people from getting the treatment they need to stay alive and healthy. "* - [DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS USA INC](#)

Second, on the list is leading NGO Thorn. Founded in 2012, Thorn co-founders and American actors Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore learned about the issue of child sex trafficking from a documentary had decided to create an organization to help diminish this now-expanding problem. The CEO of Thorn, Julie Cordua joined soon after to begin to discover furthermore about the issue of child trafficking. This powerful organization has over 8 000 officers in all 50 states and in Canada leveraging spotlight to help in any possible investigations, 70 plus partners from non-profit tech companies collaborating to ambush this problem from all angles, additional 350 members of the tech community volunteering their time and skills to support our mission, and more than 2,000 donors devoting in the mission and supporting their work every step of the way. With all these great people, they produce digital tools that allow police and other law enforcement to stay



Worldreader

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Doctors Without Borders  
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Thorn NGO  
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# NGOs (continued)

ahead of the traffickers and identify more children that need help. Their technological tool was called spotlight since the 2016 spotlight has helped the police to find kids in need faster. Spotlights quicken the pace in victim identification and make the best use of the short amount of time they have to concentrate on finding more victims. On average this tool identifies 10 kids per day.

Last but definitely not least on the list is another amazing global non-profit organization, Worldreader. Worldreader gives people in the developing world free access to a library of digital books through e-readers and other devices. This organization was founded in 2010 by David Risher

and Colin McElwee. Their goals are to help millions of children and families in the evolving world read throughout their lives. They also manage planning and support in partnership with local governments, school systems, and other related businesses. For schools and libraries without access to electricity, the organization has a solar product that gives them the ability to charge and use the e-readers. As of December 2019, Worldreader has distributed digital books to 485 schools and 253 libraries across sub-Saharan African countries. The Worldreader app gives people all over the world access to books, educational resources, and health information to people with cell phones. Since the previous December, the Worldreader app has had 11.7 million readers worldwide.



# THE MAGIC CHRONICLES: VOLUME ONE

By Jay Patel (Grade 8)

As I put my palms together it felt like the whole world went silent, and just then a slight breeze erupted for my hands. As I moved my hands apart I felt a slightly stronger breeze wind between them. I then let go only to release a tiny gust of wind that disappeared after travelling a few feet. I then heard my parents calling me, "Nick, dinner's ready!" I sighed in response and then slowly started to walk back inside. I then heard a sound coming from my stomach and with a sigh came inside and ran towards the dinner table. I moved as fast as a bullet and almost fell off of my chair, once I sat down. I saw my twin sister sitting beside me. "You know, it would be good if you fell once in a while, then you would learn to not run everywhere", she said. "It's been quite a while since I fell, and I don't think it will happen anytime soon", just as I said that I tilted my chair a bit too far back and fell. "OUCH," I yelled, as this happened my sister started laughing. "Oh I thought that you wouldn't fall anytime soon" she retorted. My mother then came running asking if I was okay, I told her I was fine. I sat back up and devoured the meal my mother made. After I cleaned my plate, I walked to the couch and turned the TV on, only to see yet another person murdered by a supernatural power. It has been 50 years since all of humanity has developed supernatural powers and criminals are running rampant, not to mention the number of people suddenly disappearing. After spending a little bit of time pondering about the fate of humanity, I turned the tv off and went outside to practice my magic. Compared to my peers and my sister my magic is very weak.

I can manipulate wind, but to a very low extent, while my sister is nothing less of an expert at controlling the winds. Even though she is the same age as me, she can create large gusts of wind that push people back and even create thin blades of wind that can cut things. Time passed quickly as I was practicing my power, and before I knew it, the sun had set. I then slowly walked up to my room and fell asleep. The next day I got up quite early, as I had to go to school. I then got ready and quickly went down the creaking stairs. I went so fast that I tripped halfway. Grimacing, I got back up and ran even faster. As I went to the dining table I saw my twin sister, who was already sitting down and eating. As I took a seat, I glanced at my mother, she was using her wind magic to chop up vegetables, while she mixed the food. All of my family have exceptional magic, aside from me that is. I quickly finished up my breakfast and grabbed my backpack off the couch. "Finally" muttered my sister as she was standing at the doorstep. I rolled my eyes and started walking. As I walked I saw a pebble and started kicking it, until I kicked it so hard that it flew off into the street only to be run over by a car. I shrugged and then found another pebble to kick. I kept kicking rocks while walking behind my sister who was way ahead of me. I then heard a faint noise coming from behind me, as I looked back I saw a friend of mine, Jason. He was very far behind me, and in an instant, he was able to catch up to me using his wing magic. Just like Neah, Jason possesses exceptional magic.





that allows him to soar through the sky at insane speeds. Jason then started to walk beside Neah and me. "Not even a, oh hello Jason" he said. "Do you hear something" asked Neah in a condescending tone. Jason rolled his eyes, "Well I don't want to be late for school so later" said Jason. He then proceeded to soar through the air. Well, we should get going too, said Neah. She then started using her wind magic to create large clouds. As we both set foot on one of the clouds, we started to ascend through the air and started to move forward. In a couple of minutes, we both reached school with not a moment to spare. When I reached my class I saw Jason, and then sat beside him. Our first-class was Magic Training, a class that I do not do very well in, to say the least. The teacher set up targets for each student. I tried my best to make wind bullets and hit the target. The bullets would only travel a meter before dissipating into thin air. All the students around me started to laugh after seeing my poor magic. Jason, on the other hand, used his wing magic to send hundreds of feathers at all the targets. After class ended I walked to my locker, only to see 3 tall people standing by my locker. As I went to get a closer look I saw them. These three guys are infamous around the school for targeting those with weak magic. I guess it was a matter of time before they started to look for me. As I took a step closer to them, the one standing in the middle glanced at me. He then took 3 steps towards me and slowly started to raise a hand, but before he could do anything, without giving it a second thought, I ...RAN. As I looked behind me I saw a dim hallway, I then dashed as fast as my feet could take me, As I gazed behind me I saw all 3 of them on my tail.



The magic I then took a sharp left turn only to run into a dead end. "You three look like such nice people, right?" I said. "We are nice people. That's exactly why we are doing everyone a favour by beating people who have weak magic, by beating the useless." The brute then was charging a massive amount of magic into his fist, as my life flashed between my eyes, I felt a large draft. As I looked beside me I saw Neah. "Are you alright", she asked. I nodded, she then brought forth her hand and summoned a massive wind dragon, that brought chills down my spine."Dragon of ZEHPER" Neah yelled, suddenly the atmosphere got so thick, I could cut it with a knife. She then brought forth a huge dragon. It then started to move at incredible speeds, and knocked all three of the bullies very far back. The bullies quickly got up though and they all started to generate huge amounts of magic. My sister then summoned a wind bow, and in one shot was able to knock out all three of the bullies, "Gale Strike", she said. Multiple teachers then rushed down to the scene. As I got them up to speed. They were astonished. There are not many middle schoolers who can control magic to the extent my sister can. In this country, magic skill means everything. Those with high magic power can get better jobs, some people can even become magic soldiers, people who secure peace in the country. That is why I want to become stronger, I want to go beyond my limit, I don't want to be an embarrassment to my family. When school finally ended Jason and I walked back from school. Oddly enough we couldn't find Neah, so I assumed she went back home alone. There was a sudden quietness while we walked back home. "It sounds so quiet don't you think?" asked Jason. "I guess it does, you're probably overthinking it though" I said. We continued walking until eventually, we reached my street. I waved Jason goodbye and continued walking. Right, when I stepped foot on my street I realized something was wrong. On a typical day, this street is full of people either playing or coming back from school. I then started sprinting to my house at full speed, while running I tripped on a rock and scraped my knee, but I got back up and continued running and did not falter. When I reached my house I got my key and opened the door only to see, absolutely no one, everyone...vanished.

# The Silent Killer

By Roshni Sen (Grade 8)

Human Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that usually cause illnesses like the common cold. Almost everyone gets one of these viruses at some point in their lives. Most of the time the illness only lasts for a short time. However, the new coronavirus called COVID-19 was discovered in December 2019 and has now spread throughout the world. As the virus spreads, we are seeing some people with mild illness, some who get very sick, and some who have died. This is a deadly virus that was issued as a world pandemic for the past month. The reason health officials are concerned is that the virus is new, which makes it hard to predict how it will continue to affect people. Researchers and doctors are learning more about it every day, including exactly how it spreads and who is most at risk. Numbers are continuously increasing with no sign of stopping. Currently, there are over +3.3 million cases of Coronavirus worldwide. The highest number of cases is in the USA with almost 400,000 cases and Italy has the record of most deaths due to COVID-19 at +18,000. Canada has had a large increase in cases in the past week making it a total of almost +53,000 COVID-19. Canada still hasn't reached its peak yet, health advisors say that it will get worse before it gets better and April will be a roller coaster.

## Symptoms:

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe and can include:

- Fever; temperatures higher than 39 degrees
- Cough; dry cough
- Shortness of breath; unable to breathe well
- Numbness; on one or more limbs
- Chest pain; a heavy chest and being unable to move



## Who is at risk?

The COVID-19 does not seem to have such a high effect on children. children do not seem to be at higher risk of getting COVID-19. However, some people are, including:

- Older adults
- Those with Heart disease
- Those with Diabetes
- Those with Lung diseases
- Those with suppressed immune systems



This doesn't mean that everyone else with no medical health disorders is not at risk of getting the Coronavirus. Anyone can get it. If they are not affected then they can carry it and spread it. So take all the necessary precautions.

## How to protect your family:

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, but there are a few things you can do to keep your family healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Wash your hands frequently
- Reduce close contact with others by practicing social distancing. This means staying at home as much as possible and avoiding public places where close contact with others is likely.
- Clean and disinfect your home, as usual, using regular household cleaning sprays or wipes.
- Avoid touching your face; teach children to do the same.
- Do not leave the house unless of emergency or medical reasons
- Follow local and state guidance on travel restrictions





# The Silent Killer (Cont.)

## Bright Side:

Coronavirus has dramatically impacted the world severely. But it will only get worse until it gets better. Canada is estimating its peak of COVID-19 cases in the month of April. After this peak, things are hoped to get better. However, if social distancing and sanitation are not maintained, the peak will only grow. With everyone's hard efforts and contribution, we will be able to contain this virus and resume our normal lives eventually

# A New Beginning

by Anshul Modi (Grade 5)

In the year 2020  
Is when the virus came and spread  
Everybody Panicked  
And listened to what science and the government said

They closed schools and playgrounds  
All roads were then empty  
Everyone at home  
Outside there was no one to see

But Nature came on its way  
Animals free doing fun things in their day  
Pollution was then less  
More oxygen and out came the rays

Flowers blossoming  
Spring coming in a unique way  
Nature is all relaxed  
People changed and started to enjoy their day

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