

Discover the Hidden Treasures

“Our nation’s children are our greatest asset and our most precious treasure”. Christopher Dodd, a former United States Senator from Connecticut, made this statement regarding America’s youth and the vital role they play in the future of our country.

The former Senator was absolutely right.

I believe in the next generation of leaders.

These young leaders are community activists and compassionate, global citizens. Youth today are more empowered and they are mobilizing their energy, ingenuity and skills to discover their potential to see firsthand the issues in their communities and around the globe and to become part of the solution.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction and the future of America is in the hands of our youth today. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of the country that we will inherit, follow critical social issues, raise awareness on issues that need to be changed and vote for leaders who will direct our country according to the constitutional principles that our nation was founded on.

More than any other in recent memory, the generation now emerging believes that just one person – armed with powerful and innovative ideas – can change the world through a relentless positive storm.

I know that this belief runs counter to the mood of the country right now. People seem uncertain about whether it is even acceptable to hope for a better future. But the next generation will, I believe, prove the prophets of doom wrong.

The reason is simple. My generation has grown up with a new way of learning. We find answers in new ways and then connect with our friends to make change happen very quickly. We communicate in ever-changing ways.

People have been telling stories from the beginning of time. It is a common thread that runs through the history of the human race. My generation believes in storytelling also – ranging from 140 characters at a time to a two-minute video on YouTube. Youth are telling and sharing stories that are inspirational, comforting, meaningful and important to our daily lives.

There are so many stories of next-generation leaders who don't let anything stop them – who see challenges as there to be met, and problems as there to be solved. We're not afraid to live with uncertainty and we know that it takes as much energy to think big as it does to think small – so we might as well go big.

Tens of thousands of youth in this next generation are changing lives, making them better, relieving suffering, and transforming the planet – right now. We are pursuing social change and becoming forces for good.

Many question if there is treasure that has yet to be discovered in our world. However, there is “treasure”, and it is right under noses. The newest generation of Americans will be one of the most informed and proactive generation that our country has ever known.

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