

# MY HERO Newsletter

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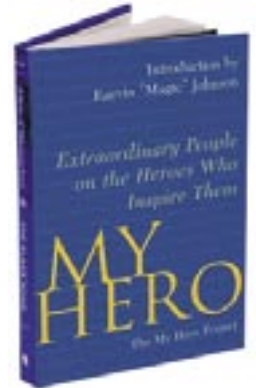
**MY HERO** joins hands with educators and students around the world to promote global storytelling through connective technologies about heroes who have made a difference in their communities.

Bridging time, distance and the digital divide, **MY HERO** is committed to media literacy, cross-cultural communication, and to giving students the tools for self-expression to share their own inspiring hero stories.

## Now available...

*at Barnes and Noble, Borders and online at Simon & Schuster...*

After years of reading the wonderful stories visitors to the Web site have shared about the heroes in their lives, MY HERO went out and asked some of the people we greatly admire about their heroes. The result -- a fascinating new book published by Free Press, an imprint of Simon and Schuster, entitled, My Hero: Extraordinary People on the Heroes Who Inspire Them [[myhero.com/myherobook](http://myhero.com/myherobook)]. All author proceeds from the sale of the book have been donated to MY HERO to continue the work of this not-for-profit educational Web site. Perhaps the best part of the book project was seeing how old friends helped MY HERO realize this dream and how many new friends we made through this effort.



## Looking for ideas on how to use MY HERO in the classroom?



**MY HERO** has created a Teacher's Room just for you with lesson plans, daily and thematic calendars, and downloadable and printable support materials to use in the classroom. In the Teacher's Room you will discover, for example, how to introduce the Create Program to your students, so they can create their own Web page about their heroes with text, images and links.

Need ideas for future lesson plans? Students not sure who to write about? Have them look through the calendar of heroes' birthdays for inspiration. Use the calendars to find out about upcoming national and international events celebrating heroism. Visit [myhero.com/theteachersroom](http://myhero.com/theteachersroom) today!

If you are doing something unique with **MY HERO** in your classroom, let us know so we can send someone to film you and your students for our Teacher Training DVD.

## MY HERO SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Winners of the 2005 MY HERO SHORT FILM Competition were honored in a ceremony held in the Ron Howard Screening Room at USC's Robert Zemeckis Theatre on October 15, 2005. Visit the **MY HERO** Screening Room [<http://www.myhero.com/myhero/go/filmfestival/screeningroom.asp>] to view films about heroism created by students and professionals. You can also use Media Director Wendy Milette's easy-to-follow lesson plans to help your students create a film about their hero in a variety of formats, such as documentaries. Ongoing submissions of short films and multi media presentations are being accepted for the 2006 MY HERO short film festival and competition.

## Teachers are excited about eCreate

**MY HERO** has designed a program to help teachers create directories of their students' approved hero stories and organize content for lesson plans on a variety of topics.

By linking classroom index pages to their school's Web site, students and parents can easily view the students' work. E-Create is easy to use. Simply register and follow the easy step-by-step instructions at [myhero.com/ecompare](http://myhero.com/ecompare).

Check out the possibilities and applications of this tool for your own classroom by visiting the new teacher's room!



## Wondering What Heroism Looks Like?

Check out the **MY HERO Virtual Art Gallery**...

The African Mosaics of Uganda Exhibit features the amazing banana fibre art works made by students and professionals from The OPEN VISION YOUTH CLUB in Entebbe, Uganda. If you are interested in sharing this exhibit in your community contact Victoria Murphy, Gallery Curator, at [curator@myheroproject.org](mailto:curator@myheroproject.org).

Students and professionals are invited to share their vision of heroism online in this virtual gallery. Work can be submitted from a variety of mediums from painting, photography, sculpture, animation and collage to digital imagery. For more information visit the gallery online

<http://myhero.com/gallery>



Feeding Me for Life  
by Julia Lukwago of Uganda

## +Global Outreach 2005

**7/19 - 7/22 | Beijing, China**  
Global Interactions 2005  
China-US Education Conference  
"Integrating Multiple Intelligences,  
Creativity & Problem Solving"

**7/8 - 7/13 | Beirut, Lebanon**  
iEARN Bridge Conference  
"Empowering People Through ICT  
& Global Connection"

**7/17 - 7/23 | Dakar, Senegal**  
iEARN World Conference  
and Youth Summit

**4/30 | Connecticut**  
*Heroes in Our Lives*  
Hosted by the New Haven Free Public  
Library Eli Whitney Museum

**5/10 | Towson, Maryland**  
*The After-School Institute's  
Eastern Regional Conference*

**6/12 | Santa Monica, California**  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Found.  
"A Time for Heroes 2005"  
Carnival Event

**7/14 - 7/15 | Chicago, Illinois**  
21st Century Community Learning  
Centers

**6/27 | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**  
National Edu. Computing Conference  
"Spark a Revolution in Learning"

**6/25 | San Francisco, California**  
National Media Education Conference  
"Giving Voice to a Diverse Nation"

As a not-for-profit educational Web site, **MY HERO** depends on the donations of individuals, corporations, and organizations to keep the site freely accessible to students and educators. We welcome your support of this award-winning project.

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