

## **Employment & Positions**

**2005-2012: CEO & Founder.** *RandomKid*, an international organization that leverages youth worldwide to drive positive change by providing tools, resources and education. Since being founded in 2005, *RandomKid* has engaged with 12 million youth from 20 countries providing aid on 4 continents, bringing in \$11 million for youth causes. (www.randomkid.org)

**2012: Author.** Simon & Schuster, Free Press Imprint. *A Random Book about the Power of ANYone* released Oct. 2 2012. Rose to a “#1 Mover and Shaker” on Amazon, in the top 150 of books sold

**2005-2012: Motivational Speaker.** Current management: iSB Global. Travels the world speaking about “The Power of ANYone”

**2012: Contributing Author.** For Dummies Publishing. *Charity and Philanthropy for Dummies* to be released June 1, 2013

**2012: Contributing Author.** Harper Collins. *Words of Hope* to be released in 2013

**2012: Member.** Renaissance Weekend. For invited preeminent authorities and emerging leaders

**2012: Blogger.** Huffington Post

**2012: Board Member.** Theodore Roosevelt Gospel Choir

**2011- 2012: Organizer.** TEDx youth event. TEDxyouth@desmoines

**2010: - 2012: Board Advisor.** Wealth & Giving Forum. Advises planned small foundation giving

**2010-2012: Judge.** Member of various selection committees that award youth grants for the World of Children Awards, Youth Venture and Ashoka

**2008 – 2009: National Radio Media Spokesperson.** Build-a-Bear Workshop Huggable Heroes Program

**2005-2006: National Youth Ambassador and Spokesperson.** UNICEF

## **Major Awards & Honors**

Running Start, Young Women’s Political Leadership Program. Selected as 1 of 4 “Women to Watch” from 30,000 applicants, Congressional Reception, 2013

Women in the World, Newsweek & the Daily Beast, Toyota Mother of Invention, \$50,000 grant, 2012

National Jefferson Award, ‘Nobel Prize’ for public service in USA, 2011

The United Nations Youth Assembly, Recognition for Excellence in Leadership and Global Achievement, 2011

Global Student Entrepreneurship Award (GSEA), a program of Entrepreneur’s Organization (EO), special recognition for a nonprofit, invitation to join US delegation to G20 Summit, 2011

Glamour Amazing Young Woman of the Year Award, 2011

National Caring Award, 2011

Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leader, We are Family Foundation, 2011

United Nations Champion of Intercultural Innovation, 2010

Global Youth Talent Award, European Union, 2010

Coca-Cola Torch-bearer, 2010 Winter Olympics, Canada, 2010  
Des Moines Register's Most Newsworthy Iowans of the Decade, 2010  
Soroptimist International Violet Richardson Award, 2010  
Techonomy, invitation to join 200 leading innovators in technology, including Bill Gates, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Jeff Bezos, Chris Hughes, Amory Lovins, 2010  
Harris Wofford Award, highest service award of Youth Service America, 2009  
Nestle's Very Best in Youth, 2009  
World of Children Award, dubbed 'Nobel Prize' for efforts serving the world's children, 2008  
National Prudential Spirit of Community Award, 2008  
Cambodian Minister of Education recognition for humanitarian efforts, 2008  
Presidential Volunteer Award, 2008  
Do Something Award finalist, 2007  
Character Counts Citizen of Character Award for the State of Iowa, 2007  
48 International People of Character - Character Counts, 2007  
Build-A-Bear Workshop "Huggable Hero", 2007  
Presidential Volunteer Award, 2007  
UNICEF Emissary, 2007  
Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, 2006  
Kohl's Kids Who Care Regional Winner, 2006  
Presidential Volunteer Award, 2006  
Point of Light Foundation, 2006  
American Girl Doll Corporation "Real" Girl, 2006  
UNICEF's National Youth Ambassador, 2005-2006  
Presidential Volunteer Award, 2005

## **Speaking Highlights**

### **High School**

YPO-WPO World Leadership Summit, Speaker, slated before George W. Bush, Denver, CO  
United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Speaker, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil  
European Union Committee of the Regions, Speaker, Brussels, Belgium  
International Youth Forum, Speaker, Extremadura, Spain  
Newsweek & The Daily Beast's Women in the World Summit, Lincoln Center, Speaker, New York, NY  
Entrepreneur's Organization Global Student Entrepreneurship Award Gala, Keynote, NYSE, New York, NY  
Chief Marketing Officers Club, Keynote, San Francisco, CA  
American Library Association, Keynote, Anaheim, CA  
Renaissance Weekend, Closing Speaker, Monterey, CA  
National Jefferson Awards, Speaker, La Cirque, New York, NY  
National Service Learning Convention World Forum: Keynote, Thought Leader, Workshop Leader, San Jose, CA  
United Nations 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Youth Summit, Closing Keynote, New York, NY  
World of Children Awards, Co-emcee with CNN's Alina Cho, New York, NY  
UNICEF House, World of Children Awards, Speaker and Presenter, New York, NY

Kids-4-Kids, Keynote, Hong Kong, China (2010 & 2012)  
Winter Olympics, VIP Coke event, Speaker, Calgary, Canada  
Ramah Seminars, Speaker, Warsaw, Poland  
TEDxYSE, Youth Social Entrepreneurship, Friends of Sidwell School, Speaker, Washington, D.C.  
National Youth Leadership Council, Speaker, Nashville, TN  
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Keynote, Chicago, IL  
Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), Keynote, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Tribefest, Jewish Federation of North America, Opening Keynote, Las Vegas, NV  
Iolani Speaker Series, Keynote, Honolulu, HI  
Soroptimist International, Speaker, San Francisco, CA  
Madeira Girls School, Martin Luther King Day, Keynote with Derrick Ashong, Mclean, VA  
Alliant Insurance Annual Meeting, Opening Keynote, Dallas, TX  
Eden Theological Seminary, Keynote, St. Louis, MO  
Lee Institute, Keynote, St. Louis, MO  
National Association of Hospice and Home Care, National Caring Awards, Speaker, Dallas, TX  
National Council of Synagogue Youth, Keynote, Kansas City, MO  
The Big Return, Opening Speaker, St. Louis, MO  
YPO Arkansas, Keynote, Little Rock, AR  
YPO Nebraska, Keynote, Omaha, NE  
YPO New Orleans, Keynote, New Orleans, LA  
YPO Bakersfield, Keynote, Bakersfield, CA  
Girl Scouts of Wisconsin, Keynote, Milwaukee, WI  
Youth Assembly at the United Nations, Keynote, summer session, New York, NY  
Youth Assembly at the United Nations, Keynote, winter session, New York, NY  
Choices, Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, Keynote, Vancouver, British Columbia  
Build-a-Bear Workshop Corporation, national managers meeting, St. Louis, MO  
Arizona Jewish Federation, Women's Philanthropy Dinner, Keynote, Phoenix, AZ  
Count Me In, Keynote, Ontario, Canada  
Washington Hebrew Congregation, Keynote, Washington, D.C.  
Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Keynote, Atlanta, GA  
Summit for the Advancement of Women and Girls, Keynote, Des Moines, IA  
Whispers and Screams, Keynote, Ames, IA  
Iowa Home Care Angel's Touch, Keynote, Des Moines, IA  
Be Your Own Boss, Keynote, Okoboji, IA  
Iowa Student Global Leadership Conference, Keynote, Des Moines, IA  
Iowa Governor Chet Culver Press Conference, media event spokesperson, Des Moines, IA  
Mayor Frances Slay Press Conference, media event spokesperson, St. Louis, MO  
Ashoka Changemakers Week 30-year anniversary, invited Keynote, Paris, France  
Amnesty International Annual General Meeting, invited opening Speaker, Denver, CO  
TEDxUNPlaza, invited Speaker, New York, NY

**Middle and Upper Elementary School**

Texas Center for Service-Learning, Keynote, Austin, TX

ELNA Collaborative, Keynote and Workshop Leader, Boston, MA

National Girl Scouts Leadership Council, Keynote, New York, NY

L.I.V.E. World Summit, Speaker, New York, NY

Portola Elementary School, Keynote, San Bruno, CA

Green Valley Elementary School, Keynote, Sinking Spring, PA

P.S. 98, Keynote, Douglaston, New York

Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack Press Conference, media event spokesperson, Des Moines, IA

American Association of Fundraising Professionals, Speaker, Des Moines, IA

Big Sister Big Brothers of Iowa, Keynote, Des Moines, IA

Van Meter Community School, Keynote, Van Meter, IA

East High School, Speaker, Des Moines, IA

The Academy, Speaker, Des Moines, IA

Waukee Rotary Club, Keynote, Des Moines, IA

Breakfast Club Circuit, Keynote, Des Moines, IA

**Organizational Impact Sampling & Program Highlights (least to most recent)**

Reported \$10 Million for hurricane Katrina/Rita relief by inspiring and unifying nearly 4000 school districts, bringing immediate emergency assistance to tens of thousands of survivors through various relief agencies. Called *TLC*, the project created a youth voice so powerful that ABC National News reported that American school children, rallied through RandomKid, ranked in their relief response with top the five U.S. corporate donors.

Through the *RandomKid Water Project*, 6000 students were joined together to help 15,000+ people gain access to clean, safe water on four continents. RandomKid connected students from eleven states to brand and market their own private labeled products with proceeds designated for purchase of appropriate and sustainable water pumping technologies, chosen by students. This project continues today.

In a project called *For Each Other*, youth were recruited from twenty countries and all fifty states, raising funds for AIDS and to build and name a school in Cambodia for 200 students.

Created the *Task Force to Rebuild the Gulf*, consisting of ten youth from across the USA who raised \$55,000 and engaged children in every state, as well as numerous governors and state leaders. RandomKid provided seed money to fund the manufacturing of a product the team designed that has been sold in 445 stores in 13 states. Proceeds funded a Habitat home in the post-Katrina gulf,

refurbished a school, and provided landscaping.

Kicked off the *RandomKid Anti-Bottle* project, selling more than 30,000 reusable water bottles (BPA free) to reduce oil dependency and our carbon footprint. Funds raised to date exceed \$300,000, and are being used to provide safe water in the world, plant organic gardens, and place water filling stations in schools. Youth from 33 states and 3 countries involved.

Developed *Great Strides*— a partnership with the U of IA to help children with Club Foot get the interventions needed in order to be able to walk. Launched in three schools so far, where students are walking so that others can. Forty-one kids have had their Club Foot corrected to date while USA youth gain fitness.

Launched *Slushies that Soothe*, a program where youth design collectible zipper pulls to sell at school that express their values (honesty, caring, generosity, etc.), and proceeds go to placing ICEE machines in pediatric cancer wards to soothe mouths after chemotherapy, exhibiting these values. To date, two machines have been placed, going on a third.

Instigated the pilot *Three Steps Up*, a non-monetary donor program where community leaders and professionals offer networking opportunities to changemakers to elevate their social projects. World of Children Awards piloted in New York City in 2011.

Created *The Big Return*, a program piloted in St. Louis, MO, with 20,000 students during the 2011-2012 school year. Partnered with Ashoka's Youth Venture, Cities of Service, St. Louis' Mayor Frances Slay, County Executive Charles Dooley, Build-a-Bear CEO and Founder Maxine Clark, the Lee Institute, Trimeco, Cooperating School Districts, Centene, Character Plus and Blick & Staff to educate and fund young changemakers to launch initiatives to benefit their community and the world. For every dollar RandomKid invested in the St. Louis' youth initiatives, the youth generated a 911% return. The Big Return will be moving into new cities across the USA.

## **Media Highlights**

### **Television**

Today Show (3 times)

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams "Making a Difference"

CNN American Morning "Going the Extra Mile"

Hallmark Channel, Home & Family

ABC World News Now

FOX National News

MSNBC

NHK –Japan

National news in Cambodia

### **Newspapers**

New York Times, Nicholas Kristof, "Talia for President"

USA Today, "A New Breed of Kids tries on Altruism for Size"

BBC News "A Random Kid Hanging with Bill Gates"

New York Observer "Kerry Kennedy Drags Teen from Warsaw to La Cirque for Lunch"

### **Magazines**

Newsweek, Toyota advertorial

Family Circle Magazine

Science of the Mind

Women's Day magazine

Justine Magazine

Time for Kids

Hearst magazines, including O Magazine, L'Oreal advertorial

Power magazine, Hong Kong "Because I Can"

Hemisphere, United Airlines magazine

Scholastic News

Teen Voices Magazine

National Geographic Kids

Winner magazine (cover)

Lifestyle magazine

Kewl magazine

### **Radio**

NPR: Jim Hightower, On Point with Tom Ashbrook and Radio Without Borders

Voice of America

Two national radio media tours-25-30 stations each time

### **Inclusion in Books & Educational Guides**

*Asset based thinking for Teens* by Kathy Cramer and Hank Wasiak

*National Geographic Money*, release in 2013

*77 Ways Kids Can Serve* by Sondra Clark

*Philanthropy... a big word for big hearted people*, by Jan and Rachel Helson

Girl Scouts 4th Grade Guidebook

Curriculum guides in Canada, England, South Korea and USA

## Links

**RandomKid website:** [www.randomkid.org](http://www.randomkid.org)

**ABC News**, “US School Kids Donate More to Katrina Relief Than Most Big Corporations”:

[http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2006/08/us\\_school\\_kids/](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2006/08/us_school_kids/)

**Today Show:** <http://video.today.msnbc.msn.com/today/49301614>

**New York Times**, Nicholas Kristof, “Talia for President”:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/16/opinion/16kristof.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/16/opinion/16kristof.html?_r=0)

**Newsweek & The Daily Beast**, “Philanthropy’s Child Prodigy”:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/03/06/philanthropy-s-child-prodigy.html>

**Toyota Mother of Invention**, “World’s Youngest Financier?”:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULrFEVhU1Ug>

**Publication, A Random Book about the Power of ANYone:** <http://www.amazon.com/Random-Book-about-Power-ANYone/dp/1451664842>

**NBC “Making a Difference”:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JP2RIeojQgk>

**RandomKid’s “The Big Return” website:** [www.thebigreturn.org](http://www.thebigreturn.org)

**Opening school in Cambodia**, Talia speaks at 1:00:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aApxwo0\\_iFY&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aApxwo0_iFY&feature=relmfu)

**Keynote, YPO-WPO:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6f-zpQQ9hM>

**Keynote, Tribefest, :** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bnp1Txxavr0&feature=related>

**Speaking, TEDxYSE:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EuPSF-UgQA&feature=related>

**National Jefferson Award Winner:** <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2011/6/prweb8605236.htm>

## Academic Awards & Recognition

Central Academy, accepted into magnet school for talented and gifted students

Theodore Roosevelt High School, Principal’s List (all A’s all semesters), 2010, 2011, 2012

DMACC, Principal’s List (all A’s all semesters), 2010, 2011, 2012

Academic Letter, 2010, 2011, 2012

#1 Ranking, graduating class of 2013

Judith Hoffman Award for Academic Achievement, Highest GPA, TRHS swim team

All Academic All Conference Award, for exemplary achievement in athletics and academics, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, member, Cogito

National Honor Society

National Youth Leadership Council

Student Government, Central Senior Student At-Large

**Athletic Awards**

Varsity Swimming, Letter 2011, 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Swim Conference, breast stroke, 2011

Varsity Track

Junior Varsity Soccer

**Special Interests**

Gospel Choir, soloist

Certified Lifeguard

Certified in CPR