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A Message from our Founder, Cynthia Brian

Happy day after Valentine! As we head towards the second half of the second month of this year of the water snake, I hope that each of you have been faithful to your resolutions, are enjoying health, happiness, and increased prosperity.

As we enter our 14th year as a 501c3, I was asked what is my vision for the future of Be the Star You Are!®? My answer is straight forward and simple. So that we can grow our mission of improving literacy, increasing positive media, and offering tools for living through our multiple outreach programs, especially for women, families, and youth, we must:

1. Become financially feasible with continuous and ongoing donations.
2. Find full sponsorship for our two international radio programs targeting [adults](#) and [youth](#) and launch new media programs.
3. Get our two signature [books](#), Be the Star You Are!® 99 Gifts, and Be the Star You Are!® for TEENS into corporations, conferences, schools, and business environments while writing, publishing, and distributing more inspirational books and resources.
4. Establish satellite chapters throughout the country and around the globe.
5. Organize [CLUB BTSYA](#) in junior high and high schools to inspire young people to read, write, and report.
6. Align ourselves with strategic partners to collect and distribute books and resources to those in need.
7. Discover and develop extraordinarily talented volunteers who will

benefit from our mutual alliance.

8. Listen, be flexible and willing to change directions
9. Serve to the best of our abilities while we grow people!

With gratitude that this grassroots volunteer charity is still in existence, I know that a few of the tenets of my vision may be lofty, however, by developing a strong leadership team along with attracting dedicated benefactors, everything is possible.

Congratulations to everyone involved with Be the Star You Are!® as we have been named a [TOP NON PROFIT](#) for three consecutive years by Network for Good and Great Non Profits. Less than 1% of the eligible non profits receive this distinction, thus we all deserve to be proud. **To volunteer with Be the Star You Are!® charity, email Jerome@BetheStarYouAre.org for a volunteer application.**

If you are interested in buying books in quantity as a premium gift or sponsoring our radio programs, please contact Rob at Rob.StarStyle@gmail.com.

To find out how you can share the love, read on! Thank you for being a part of our STAR galaxy and we look forward to paving a path of future success together.

Sending you love and thanks,
[Cynthia Brian](#)
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OPERATION HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Imagine losing everything in a natural disaster-your birth certificates, photos, teddy bears, and books. This was the horror that devastated families on the East Coast during Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012.



Through [Operation Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief](#), Be the Star You Are!®

teamed up with Angels of God Clothing Closet, founded by BTSYA volunteer and Express Yourself!™ reporter, Katelyn Darrow, in New Jersey to distribute thousands of books, DVD's, videos, games, and

other resources to the shelters. After learning of this outreach program from a talk by Cynthia Brian, the Leo Club from Campolindo High School in Moraga participated by sending over 500 pounds of books. Listen to the [radio broadcast](#) about the aftermath with our teen hosts and reporters.

PRAISE FOR PROGRAMS

"Thanks for working with the students. There are not that many adults who have the passion and the ideas to work and motivate students.



You are truly one!" **Andy Scheck, Publisher, Lamorinda Weekly**

"Thank YOU for all your support. I love the perspective that the teens give to their books and reviews. They are so valuable in turning dormant readers into bookworms!" **Terry Doherty, Founder, The Reading Tub**

"You are an angel for teens. You know how to bring the best of them. It is great to support such a positive aspect of volunteerism you are leading. It is great to have this outstanding program in our community. I appreciate all what you have done for Gaby." **Eva Gryko, mother of volunteer**

"Wow, what a fabulous organization. I loved watching several of your YouTube videos and am very impressed with your philosophy on life and how you are so generous with your work. Your teens certainly are special, and this is a wonderful way for them to develop and move into the next step in their lives. Keep up the great work!" **Ginny Mangrum, Supporter**



We our STAR Volunteer Leaders

Radio:

StarStyle®-Be the Star You Are!®

[Tune in LIVE 3-4pm PT every Thursday, World Talk Radio](#)

Cynthia Brian, Producer/Host



Heather Brittany, co-host

[Starstyle®-Be the Star You Are! Radio](#)



Express Yourself!® Teen Radio



Youngjoo Ahn, Host, writer, Club BTSYA



[Tune in to our teen hosts & reporters, Tuesday NOON PT](#)

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Linda Lan Phung, Writer, Club BTSYA



Alex Pawlakos, Writer, Reporter



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Volunteer Manager



Jerome Tenniile

And a salute to the multitudes of volunteers around the world who help Be the Star You Are![®] shine. To volunteer with Be the Star You Are![®] charity, email Jerome@BetheStarYouAre.org

9th Annual National Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the essay contest sponsored by US BANK.

Topic: We live in a world of turmoil, violence, greed, and isolation. How could we create a more peaceful planet through benevolence, compassion, communication, and understanding?



First Place

Sam Elenat

Honorable Mention

Angela Berquist

Hope Leng

Katelyn Darrow

Pamela Lewis

BRAVO!!!!

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