

Grace Callwood

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Age: 16
Grade: Sophomore

State: Maryland
GPA: 4.65

School: Global Studies International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Edgewood High School c/o 2023

Key Course Work: AP Government, AP World History, Honors Trigonometry, Honors English II, Honors Intro to Chemistry/Physics, College Sociology, French II

Educational Goals: Political Science with a minor in International Business

Honors & Awards



2015 Peace First Fellow



2019 World of Children Youth Honoree



2020 Youth to the Front Fund "Frontliner"



2016 Nickelodeon HALO Award Honoree



2019 CNN Young Wonder



2021 Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist



2019 Gloria Barron Prize Winner



2020 Hormel Food Hero

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[Grace](#) is the founder and chairwoman of her all-youth board of advisors of the [We Canceve Movement, Inc.](#), a nonprofit organization [she founded in 2012](#) at age seven to bring happiness to homeless, sick and foster youth. Her nonprofit's programs and initiatives have reached more than 23,000 children to date. The [free summer enrichment camp](#) she created in 2015 at age 10 has been offered at three homeless shelters and a foster care group and in 2020, was incorporated into two Title I elementary schools' summer programs. She also transitioned her [camp online](#) in June 2020, attracting more than 80 registered campers. Grace created and continues to operate We Canceve's [La Magnifique Boutique](#) at a foster care group home for teen girls. Her nonprofit opened three children's libraries in 2019, and is scheduled to stand up two free libraries in low-income communities by Spring 2021.

Her [leadership](#) has netted more than \$110,000 in national and global prizes for her nonprofit, and she's raised more than three times as much in in-kind and individual cash donations. She's led initiatives that's raised more than \$20,000 for the [We Canceve Pediatric Patient Assistance Fund](#) at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, which she created in 2016. Since 2015, she has granted almost \$10,000 in "Make Happiness Happen" microgrants to nonprofits that provide direct services that bring happiness to homeless, sick and/or foster children.

Visionary Leadership

Interests



Liturgical Dance Ministry



Marching Band



High School Mock Trials



Community Volunteer



Jazz Band



Black Student Alliance