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Alamo, CA Sisters Receive *Everyday Young Hero* Award For Exemplary Community Service

Teenage sisters' volunteer/travel experience in a Democratic Republic of Congo orphanage inspires them to raise funds in America for those living in extreme poverty

This week, YSA recognized 16-year-old Sydney and 14-year-old Cassidy Tshimbalanga of Alamo, CA as *Everyday Young Heroes* for founding A Sister's Project. Their organization raises funds for an orphanage our Heroes volunteered at in Kinshasa, and other projects they want to undertake like their Let Kids Be KIDS project for distributing toys to children.

The Tshimbalanga sisters' work has had a huge impact on the Kinshasa orphanage they set out to support. They have raised thousands of dollars through events, odd-jobs, and a GoFundMe.com campaign. Their donations have gone to providing food, clothing, and other vital resources to the orphans.

"We know that young people are uniquely suited to help solve problems - if given the opportunity," said Steven A. Culbertson, president of YSA. "Today's social and environmental problems are immense; we need youth in this country to be leaders and problem solvers today, not just the leaders of a distant tomorrow."

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The **Everyday Young Hero** award recognizes young people who are actively engaged in serving their communities and acting as a role model to other potential change makers. It is a chance to shine a spotlight on Everyday Young Heroes in our communities who would otherwise go unnoticed. To see and learn about YSA's Everyday Young Heroes visit www.YSA.org/nsb_eyh.

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