

Imagine Corps 2020 – A Pilot Year Success

With delight, we share a student quote and invented concepts as we celebrate how our Imagine Corps guiding purpose — **Possibility * Impact * Resilience** — was brought to life in 2020.

Imagine Corps is a youth learning and community service program where kids are trained in important **creative problem-solving and collaborative innovation** skills they need for future success in school and life, but are seldom taught. They are then paired with non-profits in their community with identified challenges that will benefit from their inspired energy, creative spirit, and youthful insight. Their Imagine Corps trainer, facilitator and mentor guides them along the way towards impact on their ideas and in integrating these new skills into their life.

Imagine Corps Guiding Purpose: *Nurturing **POSSIBILITY** in the creative and collaborative problem-solving talent of tomorrow...while creating **IMPACT** in their community today ... and building **RESILIENCE** in both over time.*



NURTURING POSSIBILITY

“I will stop being afraid to share my opinions and ideas with others because I learned through Imagine Corps that my ideas matter and my ideas will make a difference and a change in the world around me.”

— High School, Imagine Corps Participant



CREATING IMPACT

In 2020, we piloted the Imagine Corps program (100% virtual due to COVID) in my hometown of Hopkinton. The students created two amazing concepts which are in the process of being brought to fruition.

Concept 1: “Feed the Heart” is a student-driven Mason Jar Fundraising & Awareness Program. It is also now a new School Club founded by some of the Imagine Corps kids.

- Challenge Owner: a local growing food pantry called **Project Just Because**, which has just launched a statewide Food Pantry that is becoming a beacon in the state.
- The Challenge: **“Create an Army of Supporters & Fundraising for our new statewide Food Pantry”**.



Concept 2: “Future Teach” is a student-led experiential virtual learning support program where students teach students “virtually” and in fun ways during hybrid/virtual days, reinforcing the teacher’s lessons.

- Challenge Owner: The kids themselves chose this challenge to work during our practice round
- The Challenge: **“How to make virtual learning more engaging and fun”** 😊

Looking to 2021: We’re meeting with the Hopkinton High School Principal in January to incubate these concepts and plan Imagine Corps 2021. We’re working with Martha’s Vineyard leaders to bring Imagine Corps to MV island youth and exploring other communities and partners.

BUILDING RESILIENCE — THE PROGRAM OVER TIME

Growing with Imagine Corps:

- In Level 1, Imagine Corps students learn foundation skills to become **Collaborative Problem-Solvers**
- In Level 2, Imagine Corps students get advanced training to become **Youth Facilitators** themselves
- In Level 3, Imagine Corps Youth Facilitators become **Imagine Corps Youth Mentors** of younger cohorts

... and work on real community challenges all along the way.

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