

Student Finalist



Jashn Pande

Jashn Pande is a seventh grade student at Lake Oswego Junior High School. Jashn noticed the toll that COVID took, especially in regards to the growing homeless population. In her own words, “I knew right away that I had to do something, I knew that I couldn’t just sit around and watch.” In the latter half of the school year, she started a club at LOJ. Jashn invests at least 8 hours a week in this club, to help raise awareness among other students on the problem of homelessness in the Portland metro

area, and in creating projects to support the homeless population. One of these important projects included making hygiene kits.

Jashn was also moved by the humanitarian crisis that emerged in the Ukraine. Once again, she wanted to help a group of people in need, in whatever way she could. Together with a fellow student she gained approval from the school principal to host a fundraiser. All of the proceeds from the fundraiser would go to the humanitarian efforts in the Ukraine.

Jashn is passionate about making a positive difference in the world. She says, “I love helping people. Knowing that people are warm and healthy because of my efforts gives me the biggest motivation in the world.”