



amazing teens

Who says young people can't make a difference? These teens had an idea and created something special. Find out how they made a positive impact on others—and how you can, too.

taybear Taylor Crabtree, 14

why she got started: Taylor was only 7 years old when she saw her grandmother battle cancer, but the experience made her think about how hard it must be for children with serious illnesses. Why teddy bears? "I knew police officers carry teddy bears to help calm young children, and if the toys help trauma victims, then maybe they could also help kids with cancer."

what she's done so far: Taylor began selling hand-painted hairclips to raise money to buy the stuffed animals. Her idea was to donate 50 bears to a local hospital, but other medical facilities soon heard about TayBear and started calling with requests. As of this year, TayBear has distributed more than 20,000 bears in 200 hospitals.

what's next: There's no stopping Taylor. "I'd like to give bears wherever they're needed."

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