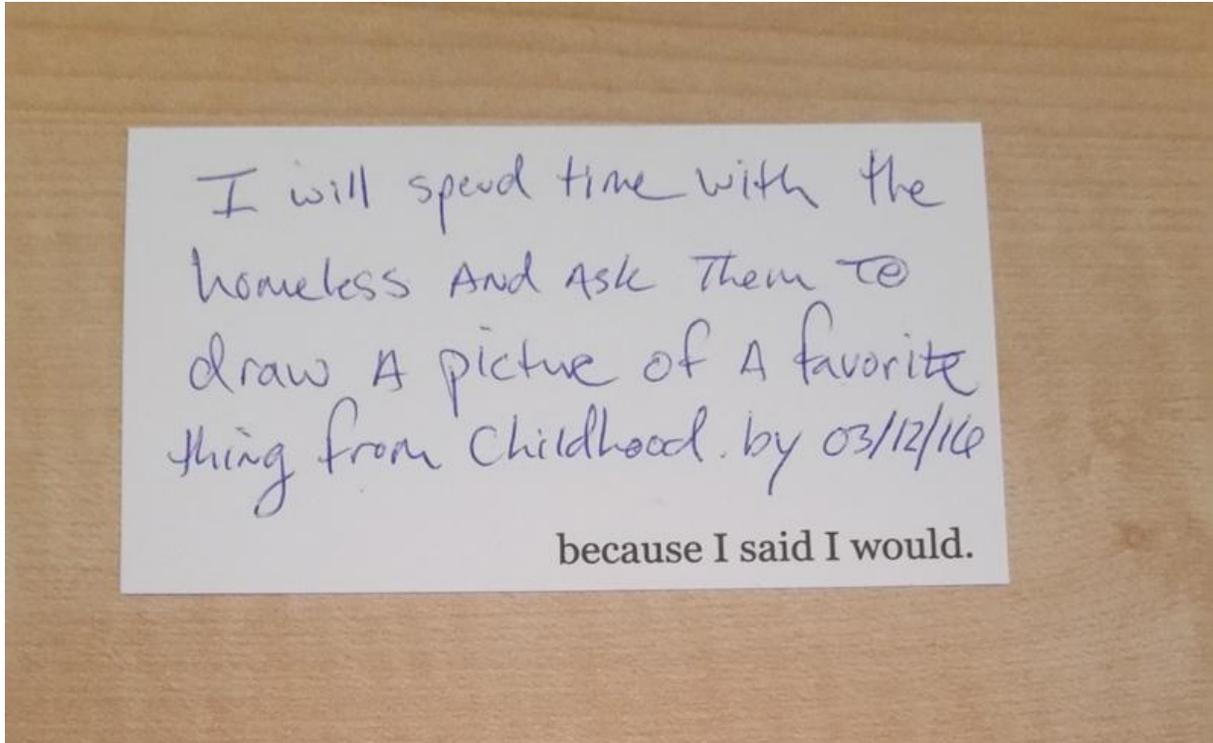


Asking the homeless to draw a picture...

"My hope in these requests was just to connect with people who are usually ignored. No, it wasn't some generous philanthropic act. I just think everyone has a story and deserves to be listened to."

Nate, one of our chapter members in Denver, decided to write a promise card. [Click to see the drawings](#) he was given and the stories behind them.



Local Chapters

Incredible guests attend local chapter meetings

[Katie Spatz](#), the youngest person to row across the Atlantic Ocean and 2010 Glamour Woman of the Year, attended our first two Cleveland chapter meetings.



Sam Kimura, Co-Founder of [Sharing America's Marrow](#), attended the first Denver chapter meeting. Sam has been featured on CBS Nightly News, The Steve Harvey show and many other programs for [her life-saving promise](#).

Diagnosed with severe Aplastic Anemia, Sam and her sister sold their cars, bought a van and road tripped across all 50 states to sign people up for the [National Bone Marrow Donor Registry](#). Despite finding life saving matches for over 100 people, Sam still takes 20 pills a day to fight off her disease and has been unable to find her cure.

Interested in starting a new *because I said I would* chapter in your city? Want to join one of our existing chapters in [Denver](#), [Cleveland](#) or [Tampa](#)? [Click here to learn more.](#)

The First Unified Promise Fulfilled

Members from *because I said I would* chapters in Denver, Cleveland and Tampa made a commitment to sign up for the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry through [Delete Blood Cancer](#). We held swabbings in all three of these cities.

Join our efforts to help save lives by visiting the following link to get a swabbing and registration kit mailed to your house!

[Sign up for the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry](#)



Character Education

Lesson plans downloaded by +80 schools!

Our character education

lesson plans ([free for download](#)) are spreading across the United States. We are ramping up for the 2016-2017 school year. Last year we conducted in-person character education programming with over 30,000 students.



Over the next 12 months, our goal is to release 20 more lesson plans for teachers to use in classrooms. We are also expanding our Teacher Advisory Council in the near future (stay tuned). After completing the initial phases of our local chapters for adults, we hope to start *because I said I would* clubs in high schools and middle schools. This will take some time, but we are dedicated. If we want the next generation to have determination in their character, then we must continue to invest in building these programs.

In the meantime, if you're interested in having a series of *because I said I would* assembly speeches in your school district, please [contact us here](#).

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