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Hope-Filled Organization:

THE OCEAN CLEAN UP

A simple idea turned into a moonshot project

At 16 years of age, Boyan Slat saw more plastic bags than fish when scuba diving in Greece. He thought: “Why can’t we just clean this up?” This question led him to research the plastic pollution problem for a school project. He learned about plastic accumulating in five large oceanic gyres, the largest one being the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. In 2012, Boyan Slat held a TEDx talk about how to rid the world’s oceans of plastic using technology. The video went viral, and the momentum that followed allowed him to drop out of school and find The Ocean Cleanup.

THE IMPACT OF CLEAN UP

Research shows the majority of plastic in the gyres (by mass) is made up of larger debris. By removing the plastic while most of it is still large, we prevent it from breaking down into dangerous microplastics.

Our aim is to have 90% of floating ocean plastic removed by 2040.

We plan to do this by cleaning up the legacy plastic – the plastic already floating in the ocean – and by stopping the sources of plastic flowing into our oceans.



WE MUST ACT ON THIS GLOBAL PROBLEM

ENVIRONMENT: Plastic pollution in the world's oceans is one of the biggest environmental issues of our time, impacting nearly 900 marine species.

ECONOMY: It is estimated that marine ecosystems provide benefits of up to \$50 trillion per year through their ecosystem services (Constanza et al., 2014). Plastic pollution is estimated to reduce the value of these ecosystem services by \$500 to \$2500 billion per year (Beaumont et al., 2019).

HEALTH: Plastic pollution does not only impact sea life, but it also carries toxic pollutants into the food chain – a food chain including us humans.

Read more at this link: [About | The Ocean Cleanup](#)

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About NPEU

We're Strengthening Our Nonprofits

WE ARE THE UNION FOR NONPROFIT PROFESSIONALS: Joining NPEU, the Nonprofit Professional Employees Union, allows nonprofit professionals to enhance their nonprofit organizations by strengthening their voice in the workplace. In their respective nonprofit

organizations, our members have established standards for fair and equal treatment of nonprofit professionals by negotiating contracts that improved pay, benefits, and working conditions.

WE UNDERSTAND NONPROFIT WORKPLACES: We understand that nonprofits are uniquely mission-driven and have specific financial concerns. We know from experience that by joining together nonprofit professionals can enhance the work of their organization by negotiating a contract that best fits the needs of employees, management, and the organization's mission.

WE WANT TO MAKE OUR NONPROFITS BETTER: We strongly support the missions of our nonprofits and want our organizations to thrive. By coming together, we are able to ensure we have the necessary resources for our organizations to be successful. Our negotiated contracts put in place a process for workplace collaboration which creates better, productive nonprofit organizations.

To learn more about this organization, click on this link: [Nonprofit Professional Employees Union](#)

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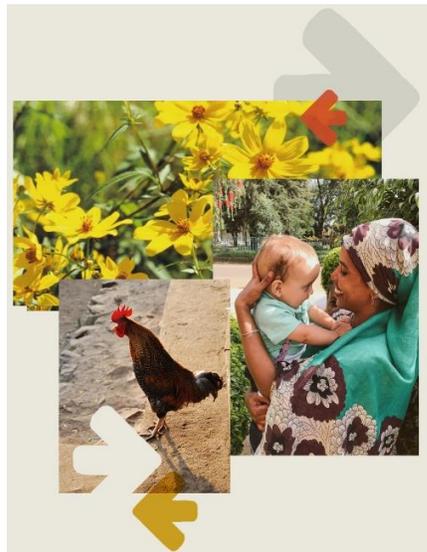
**We encourage and give hope to
children in hard places,
working as a team to make life just
a little bit brighter.**

About Us

Embrace Compassion serves children in hard places: one village in Ethiopia and kids with cancer in Oregon. We were established in 2010 and remain a grassroots organization.

We partner with a beautiful rural village in the western Oromia region of Ethiopia, where we encourage family preservation, education, and share humanitarian relief. Our [Bright Spot](#) sponsorship program encourages children to stay in school and provides supplies such as shoes, uniforms, school notebooks and hygiene materials. We also volunteer in the same area at the local hospital, bringing helpful supplies and spending time in the pediatric unit.

After our founder's son was diagnosed with childhood cancer in 2019 and died in 2020, the team at Embrace Compassion expanded its programming to include making life a little bit brighter for kids with cancer in our home state of Oregon. Embrace Compassion currently provides programming at a farm in Sherwood, Oregon, where kids with cancer and their siblings can take a break from trauma, safely play and just be kids. Each month we offer a themed [Brighter Box](#), filled with farm goodness to continue the farm experience at home.



We love children and partner with the families to share hope and encouragement, one child and one family at a time.

We believe everyone can make a difference!

Click on this link to watch a 5 minute video about [Embrace Compassion](#)

Hope From the Bottom Up Resources To Help Keep Us Motivated to Continue Spreading Hope

As I was putting together the current monthly newsletter (March 2026), I went back to check on some past Hope Newsletters

to make sure I wasn't duplicating some information I shared with you previously.

I am happy to say that the current (68th) Newsletter does not have any duplicate stories, organizations, or accomplishments.

I thought how marvelous.

It reminded me how many people, including many of you, are making a positive difference in the world.

Here is a link to one section of the website which captures quotes which many of us have found inspiring over the years <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/quotes>

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Or send me an email (robert@robertbeezat.com) with the name and email address of the person you think would be interested. I will then contact them.

Thank You