Education is much more than a matter of imparting the knowledge and skills by which narrow goals are achieved. It is also about opening the child's eyes to the needs and rights of others. --Dalai Lama

Art Students Gift Portraits to Orphans

Compassion: a word worth a thousand pictures. Striving toward a more compassionate society, the Memory Portraits program organizes advanced high school and university-level art students in creating original portraits for children living in orphanages around the world. Given that children who have been abandoned, neglected, abused, or orphaned usually have few personal keepsakes, the purpose of the portraits is to provide them with a special memory of their youth and to help honor their heritage and identity. Programs of The Memory Project, the nonprofit who runs Memory Portraits, help young people learn about humanitarian issues in places like Uganda, India, and Nicaragua, and encourage them to grow into adults dedicated to working for positive change. A CBS News clip takes a trip to an orphanage in which children receive memorable portraits.

Be The Change:

Create a special keepsake that will help someone cherish an experience. And check out sample portraits from the Memory Project.