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Just Do Something

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Last night at the world-famous **Apollo Theater** in New York City, I got to attend the **Do Something Awards**, a super amazing award ceremony for people under 25 who are ambassadors of social change. Five remarkable young people were honored and four of them got \$10,000 donated toward their cause and one, Maggie Doyne, won \$100,000!!

After high school, Maggie decided to take a year off before college and took off backpacking through the Himalayas. When she ended up in Nepal, she couldn't believe the incredible number of orphans living in the streets. Maggie knew she had to do something. So she called her parents and asked them to wire her life savings, bought a piece of land and built **Kopila Valley Children's Home** where she now takes care of 24 orphans. She has sent 60 other children to school and helped give over 700 orphans new homes. With this incredible award, Maggie plans to build a school for the children in her village.

Hearing about Maggie and the four other amazing Do Something Award winners, I felt so inspired to do something with my life. While not everyone will move to Nepal and build an orphanage, we can all do our part to help out in our communities. The coolest thing about the **Do Something Website** is that you can sign up for text updates each month of volunteer opportunities in your community!

How is volunteering important to you? Tell me your volunteering stories!

xoxo,
Kristen