

LEWIS HINE

#iwill

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Confidence | Courage | Leadership | Empathy | Community Awareness



*Lewis Hine, 16 years old
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#iwill ... continue my mission to make sure all children have a friend especially those with additional challenges like illness or disability in their life.

I started Friend Finder when I was 14 years old. Like most 14 year olds, I was interested in football, music, video games and just being a teenager but unlike most young people I need 24hr support due to my long-term illnesses. I spend a great deal of time in hospital, and so I created an online portal to help disabled and poorly children come together and make friends. I also hold, or put on, events to bring people together including a prom for those who missed their own through illness – which was a huge success!

Through doing this, I have grown in my own confidence and ability. I struggle to read and write; yet still I'm capable of helping hundreds of other young people! I can follow

my dreams, and help others with theirs too.

We can take friends for granted but for a child struggling with life without friends around them, they can feel isolated and alone. This is why I wanted to help with Friend Finder. Having friends around improves mental well being and makes people feel like they belong – much like social action does too!

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Organisations I've Participated With:

Friend Finder, 02 Big Think