

## You and the World: Blog Post 3

Greetings! Welcome to my third and final blog post of the You and the World Project! So far in this project, I have completed blogs number [one](#) and [two](#), and the agent of change project. For the entire project, I have been focussing on the issue of child slavery in the chocolate industry. If you haven't read my first two blog posts, make sure you do! This blog will be all about documenting our agent of change portion of the project, which I will explain more about. This is also the last stage of the project! I hope you enjoy this blog post as much as the others!



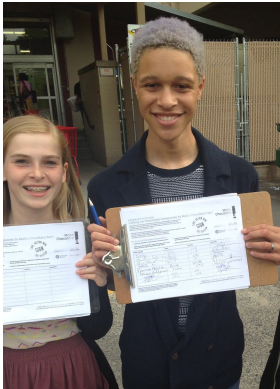
*An example of the Reverse Trick-or-Treating brochure*

Since the last blog post, I have thought about what other people are doing to stop the human trafficking in the chocolate industry. The most prominent organization that is trying to help, that I have found, was an organization called Equal Exchange. Equal Exchange is doing a project called “Reverse Trick-or-Treating.” This program is when instead of getting candy as they walk around, children give out brochures with a little piece of chocolate attached. The brochure has all sorts of information about fair trade chocolate, and what you can do to help with the slavery. The chocolate that is attached is a piece of fair trade chocolate.

By handing out these chocolates and brochures, it raises awareness on the topic of the child slavery in the chocolate industry. These children are sacrificing their halloween candy just to make a difference in the world. I think that it is so amazing that they are making a difference at such a young age. This is a great way to start making people aware of the situation. But there is so much more to be done.

I tried to do my part in making a change as well. For my agent of change portion, for my service project, I

stood outside Trader Joe's, and got signatures on a [petition](#). The petition is to stop big companies from using child slave labor. I then sent the petition to an organization who sends it to Hershey's. Since I am also trying to gain awareness of this issue, I handed out little information sheets to people that walked by (even if they didn't sign the petition). On these information sheets there were some facts about what is happening, and a list of companies who use slave-free cocoa. Overall, I was trying to get people to use informed decisions when they buy chocolate.



*Xavier and I holding the signatures on the petition*

This project made me realize that I really can do something to make a difference in the world. It will push me to continue making a change in my community and others. The only thing that I would have done differently, was to have a poster to have when I was getting signatures. I feel that having a poster would make people more aware of what I was getting signatures for. Overall, I had a blast doing this project!

*Getting Signatures on Petition*

Thanks to all of you for reading, and thank you so much to Mrs. Dunn and Victoria for supporting me throughout the project. I hope I inspired you to go out and make a change about something you love. It is always amazing to look back at what you have accomplished. Also remember: do everything you can to save the Earth because it is the only planet with chocolate!

