

Darren

he/him

School counselor concerned about the rise of mental health problems in his students



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AGE: 35

OCCUPATION: School counselor

INTERESTS: Adolescent development, playing tennis, photography

PEOPLE



Darren

School counselor

Darren has been a high school counselor for the past five years, and in that time he has noticed more students suffering from anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.

He worries about whether his students are getting the proper diagnosis and treatment they need. Serving a school of 800 teens, he can only do so much.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Darren wishes every student could have access to the mental health care they need to thrive.

Sarah

she/her

Military veteran suffering from PTSD and a serious leg injury sustained during service



AGE: 39

OCCUPATION: Retired U.S. Marine

INTERESTS: Paralympic sports, watercolor painting, country music

PEOPLE



Sarah

Retired U.S. Marine

Sarah was wounded during her military service, leaving her with a paralyzed leg and severe post-traumatic stress disorder.

She experiences flashbacks and vivid nightmares, and she has become increasingly distant from her family. Sarah is proud to have served her country, but now it feels like she's being left behind as the world moves on.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Sarah wishes she could feel like herself again and regain the use of her injured leg.

Kim

she/her

Mother of a 6-year-old child
with a rare neurological disease



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AGE: 31

OCCUPATION: Accountant

INTERESTS: Medical research, yoga, crossword puzzles

PEOPLE



Kim
Accountant

Kim and her husband have spent the past six years in and out of hospitals with their young son, who suffers from a rare neurological disease.

Since the cause of the disease is unknown, the best they can do is manage his symptoms and try to provide relief for the pain he experiences. It's not easy, but Kim would do anything for him.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Kim desperately hopes that a treatment will be found for her son's disease so that he can live a healthy and independent life.

Jacquie

she/her

Experienced lawyer who believes
in the importance of achieving justice



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AGE: 42

OCCUPATION: Lawyer

INTERESTS: Social justice, traveling, playing golf

PEOPLE



Jacquie
Lawyer

Jacquie grew up in a loving family that instilled in her the values of compassion and service to others.

When she was in high school, her cousin was arrested and sentenced to 16 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. This inspired Jacquie to become a lawyer and fight for others like him.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Jacquie believes the criminal justice system must become more equitable and rigorous in how it proves someone guilty.

Adriana

she/her

High school junior hoping to get a scholarship to a good college



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AGE: 16

OCCUPATION: Student

INTERESTS: Varsity swimming, debate team, drama club

PEOPLE



Adriana

Student

Adriana is a busy high school junior. She gets up early for swim practice, stays after school for drama club rehearsals, and preps for debate team at night along with her homework.

Though she has always been a good student, Adriana notices her grades starting to slip, but she needs good grades to get a college scholarship.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Adriana is excited to be the first person in her family to attend college—if she can afford it.

Malik

he/him

Middle school student and aspiring
future video game designer



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AGE: 13

OCCUPATION: Student

INTERESTS: Video games, science fiction movies, playing drums

PEOPLE



Malik
Student

Malik is an eighth grader and avid gamer. He's excited to take his first programming class this year and get closer to his dream of becoming a video game designer.

When he's not gaming, Malik likes to watch sci-fi movies and play drums in the band he started last year with his friends, *The Mind Benders*.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Malik can't wait to see what new technology the future brings—and he wants to be involved in creating it!

Kris

they/them

Surgeon frustrated by the lack of options
for patients with brain damage



Adobe Stock

AGE: 35

OCCUPATION: Neurosurgeon

INTERESTS: Medical research, hiking, playing the piano

PEOPLE



Kris

Neurosurgeon

Kris recently finished their residency training to become a neurosurgeon, specializing in traumatic brain injuries.

While they truly enjoy this work, Kris is frustrated by the lack of progress in treatment for severe brain damage. The worst part of the job is breaking the news to families when there's nothing more to be done.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Kris hopes for new treatments to improve the survival and recovery of patients with traumatic brain injuries.

Jack

he/him

Controversial podcast host who
enjoys creating a stir



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AGE: 47

OCCUPATION: Podcast host

INTERESTS: Politics, technology, conspiracy theories

PEOPLE



Jack

Podcast host

Jack hosts a podcast dedicated to uncovering the “truth” about current issues, from medical treatments to UFOs. Critics have accused him of spreading misinformation, but he views this as free publicity.

Distrustful of authority, Jack hates it when people tell him what to do. He just wants to think for himself.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Jack wants to protect himself and his audience from any dangerous new technologies or medical advances.

Lisa

she/her

Caregiver for her elderly mother
with Alzheimer's disease



AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: Real estate agent

INTERESTS: Landscaping, watching reality TV, cooking

PEOPLE



Lisa

Real estate agent

Lisa has watched her mother decline, becoming increasingly forgetful and confused. Some days, Lisa's mother doesn't even recognize her now.

Trying to keep her mother safe and happy is exhausting. But Alzheimer's disease runs in the family, so Lisa is acutely aware that she could someday be in her mother's shoes.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Lisa wishes she could restore her mother's memories—and avoid the same fate for herself.

Ricky

he/him

Computer hacker with little concern
for laws or ethics



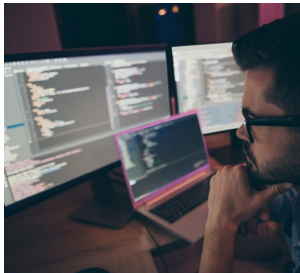
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AGE: 24

OCCUPATION: Hacker

INTERESTS: Coding, video games, competitive ping-pong

PEOPLE



Ricky

Hacker

Ricky has always loved computers, so he decided to turn his tech skills into a lucrative career—even if it's a bit morally questionable.

So far, Ricky has mostly done small hacking jobs with minimal payouts, but he's eager to take on some bigger challenges. He loves trying out new tools and pushing the limits of technology.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Ricky wants to become a top hacker and land some big jobs—without getting caught.

Edith

she/her

Elderly retired professor who misses
her more youthful days



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AGE: 92

OCCUPATION: Retired

INTERESTS: Book clubs, listening to the radio, nature documentaries

PEOPLE



Edith

Retired

Edith had a vibrant career as a university professor, but her life has slowed down in retirement. She misses the busy campus and stimulating conversations with colleagues and students.

Despite her poor eyesight, hearing loss, and arthritic hands, Edith still has a very active mind and just wishes her body could keep up.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Edith hopes to continue living independently and enjoy her remaining years.

Robert

he/him

Military general leading secret operations
to test experimental technologies



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AGE: 56

OCCUPATION: Military general

INTERESTS: Military technology, singing in his church choir, chess

PEOPLE



Robert

Military general

Robert leads a specialized military unit that tests new technologies to protect soldiers in dangerous situations.

He is especially interested in ways to enhance the physical and mental performance of those who serve under him. Robert believes that such technologies will ultimately make the world a safer place.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

Robert hopes the government will invest in more powerful new ways to strengthen its troops.

You!

DESCRIBE YOURSELF:

Think about yourself, your friends, and your family. What do you like to do?

How do brain technologies help you now, or how might they help you in the future?

How might they create harm or challenges?

You!



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HOPES FOR THE FUTURE:

What is one thing you hope for in the future?