



Metta Students Honors Barrington Christian Academy Student with \$1,000
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Press Release - 4/5/16 - From Mississippi to India to the Dominican Republic, seventeen year old Rachel-Rose Komanapalli of Barrington, has traveled the world, on a mission to help those in need. In addition, the Barrington Christian Academy senior volunteered at Women & Infants Hospital and worked with her parents' non-profit, Manna International.

"Most of my work has to do with poverty," states Komanapalli. In Mississippi, I worked in an after school program for underprivileged children in Jackson. In La Romana, DR I worked with a medical clinic to provide medical care for people in the poor sugar cane villages. In India, I help children in the orphanages that Manna ministries has."

Mike Skazinski, Assistant Head of School at Barrington Christian Academy, nominated Komanapalli for a Metta Students Foundation grant saying, "The thing that sets Rachel-Rose apart from other students is that she takes the initiative to help and volunteer, no one forces her to fundraise or take her personal time to spread kindness and goodwill. One other thing that sets her apart from other students is that Rachel-Rose does not draw attention to herself. She does everything quietly and "under the radar."

Komanapalli's mission this month will take her to Kenya, "I decided to go to Kenya because I love helping people. I want to go into the medical field, therefore working at a hospital in Kenya was a perfect fit. While I am there I will be working in the NICU to study Fetal Malnutrition and Anemia, the topic of my senior project," states Komanapalli.

It is her quiet passion and empathy that prompted the Metta Students Foundation to proudly give Komanapalli a \$1,000 grant for sharing metta, making her their thirty-second winner.

A ceremony will be held **Tuesday April 5th at 8:30 AM** at Barrington Christian Academy High located at 9 Old County Road, Barrington RI. Members of the media are welcome. With this latest winner, the Metta Students Foundation has awarded thirty-two thousand dollars to students who have done acts of kindness and continue to #sharemetta.

Norm Kelly, founder of Software Quality Associates in Providence, created the Metta Students Foundation in October of 2012 after learning of one teen's act of kindness towards another teen. "Metta means love and kindness," states Norm Kelly. "The common denominator with all of our Metta Students is their compassion, unselfishness, and dedication to others. Each is unique, but they all want to make the world a better place."

"I feel incredibly honored and blessed to receive this grant," says Komanapalli. "I will put this money towards my college education so that I can become a doctor. I want to help as many people as I can, this grant is giving me the chance to do so."

It is for all of these reasons the Metta Students is proud to award one thousand dollars to Komanapalli. To see video of how the Metta Students foundation began or for more information about the foundation, log onto www.mettastudents.org

