If social media is used wisely and effectively, it can help us develop relationships and connections with others. By educating ourselves, making ourselves aware of charitable donations, and developing world perspectives through social media, we can develop connections throughout our world.

Last year, our school closed for a few days due to snow and icy roads. Our teachers and facility members decided to have virtual school for us, so we would not lose a school day. We stayed at home and had class online with our laptops. Our teachers posted their PowerPoints, lectures, etc. on YouTube, their Moodle pages, and were able to video chat if needed. We were able use social networks in a highly sophisticated way that deviates from pleasure.

To enhance the traditional way of raising money, charities are creating social media pages to make a large number of people to become aware of their causes. For example, the Make a Wish foundation has a Twitter page on which they post information about important developments and events. On social network sites, we can read firsthand accounts of how one person can donate money that could impact a large group of people in need. Communities often make group pages to organize fundraising activities such as 5K runs that sponsor this charity. Similarly, St. Jude Hospital raises money to treat children with cancer through Facebook and Twitter. In addition to providing support via social networking for the Make a Wish foundation, users can go to [freerice.com](http://freerice.com) and simply answer trivia questions correctly to donate rice to poor countries. These are only a few ways that charities take advantage of social networking to promote their causes.

As teenagers, social media is attractive because we are able to reach out to different people and activities. We might stay in touch with friends who live in different areas through video chat. We are able to connect ourselves to people who live and work in environments that are much different from ours. We can look for reviews for restaurants and develop new interests. We are constantly learning new things about other people and or world and social media provides an efficient way to do this.

Using social media the *right* way is fruitful for us. We become enhanced in the new possibilities for us to be involved in our lives. We stay connected to others and stay involved in our communities by spreading the word that, despite our age, we *can* change the world.