

## **Moe Ma Kha Tun (Teen) Honorable Mention**

### **Title: The Clouds Will Go Away**

“We will get through it in the end but it might take time, but at the end of the day we shall all be OK again...”

Sometimes, I feel helpless. I read the news and watch as more and more people become sick. I see healthcare workers suffering, understaffed and overwhelmed. I hear about more and more people dying, all around me. It feels like the only thing that I can do is sit back and watch the world crumble.

It is quite clear, however, that a certain then-ninety-nine year old man in the UK didn't share the same sentiment. After all, a cancer survivor with a formerly broken hip walking 100 laps around his home requires only the strongest of wills.

He took it step by step, 10 laps at a time through his back garden. The donations began rolling in as his story began spreading, nationally and internationally.

Captain Tom, a former British Army officer, raised nearly £33 million for National Health Service (NHS) workers. His initial goal had been £1,000.

Captain Tom taught me that I don't have to feel helpless. He taught me that, with a strong enough will and unwavering determination, there's always something I can do.

Thank you, Captain Tom. You will forever be a hero.

“...the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.” -Captain Sir Thomas Moore