Your turn

**Editor’s note**

As I write this letter, people across the US and the world are expressing sadness following violence that occurred at a school in Texas (p2). Difficult questions are being asked about why this happened and what can be done to prevent something like this from happening again. Like most people—and perhaps like you—I feel many different emotions, often all at once. We spoke to experts about how to handle the feelings that rise up when something that is so hard to understand happens in the world (p18). I hope their advice, which includes talking to a trusted adult, doing things you enjoy, and taking action to support others, will help you. I hope the space we’ve given you to draw and write what you feel (p19) will also help. Please know that you are in my thoughts each day and that everyone at *The Week Junior* sends wishes of kindness and hope to you and your family.

Andrea Barbalich
Editor-in-Chief

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**Selling snacks to help Ukraine**

“My sister Sky and I have been loyal readers of *The Week Junior* for the past one and a half years. The stories about the war in Ukraine made us very sad. When we learned from Mom that her employer, Visa, was matching two times the amount of donations to the United Nations Children’s Fund to help Ukrainian children, we did not want to pass up the chance to help. We spent a Saturday making 50 bags of healthy snacks containing homemade organic raisin oatmeal cookies and clementines, and we went house by house in our neighborhood to raise funds. My friend Domenic also joined us. We were able to raise a total of $3,000, thanks to generous donations and the matching donation from Visa. Shout out to Visa’s generosity. We love big companies that still remember their social responsibilities. We are so proud of the community we live in. Most important, it feels wonderful to make a small contribution toward a better future.”

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**Show support for Ukraine**

People around the world are continuing to call for an end to the war in Ukraine. If you would like to express a wish for peace, go to theweekjunior.com/ukraine with an adult to print out our poster template. Add a drawing or a message and display it in your window or on your front door. To share your poster with us, ask an adult to take a photo of it and send it to hello@theweekjunior.com. An adult can also share it on social media using #StandWithUkraine and tag us at @theweekjuniorus.

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**IT’S YOUR TURN**

Email your news, views, and photos to hello@theweekjunior.com.

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**The Trevor Project**

This organization, founded in 1998, offers support to the LGBTQ community. In addition to working to create a safe space for LGBTQ youth to make friends and share interests and hobbies, it operates a free helpline that people can call or text if they need support. It also provides educational programs about the importance of an inclusive world. Find out more at thetrevorproject.org.

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Ansel, 12, and Sky, 8, with Domenic, 12, California

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**CHARITY OF THE WEEK**

The Trevor Project

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

What happens when brooms work too late? They over sweep.