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Christopher Yao is a 15-year-old sophomore at Jericho Senior High School. He is also the Founder and Executive Director of Kids Change the World and the Chief Executive Officer of Kids Change America. He began his philanthropic career at age 10 with fundraising for The Smile Train for which he has helped generate more than \$400,000 worth of cleft lip/palate surgeries and medical training.

Mr. Yao wants to create a new generation of young philanthropists and offers free services to new grassroots youth-led nonprofits around the world. He initiated the Education Preparation program of online educational videos and resources. He supports the Daos Children's Centre in Mombasa, Kenya, in various projects.

Mr. Yao has been recognized for his work by Presidents Bush and Obama at the White House and has received numerous national awards and extensive national media coverage for his many accomplishments.

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