



Kristen Sanchez

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Kristen Sanchez is a Social Studies Teacher who does much more than follow the prescribed curriculum. Her thought-provoking and take-action approach to learning is helping her students find and share their voice as citizens of the world.



Ms. Sanchez created a service organization called TASC (The Agents of Social Change), which involves her students in numerous programs to make a difference in the lives of others. Some of these include:

- A fundraiser called “Darfurnament,” where all proceeds benefit the *Darfur Human Rights Organization* and the *School of Leadership Afghanistan (SOLA)*
- An event called “Soup for Syria,” which raised nearly \$2,500 for Syrian refugees
- Numerous collections of food and toiletries to benefit local food banks
- Multiple “friend” raisers throughout the year to promote friendship and community among the Newtown Friends middle-school students

According to Ms. Sanchez this approach to Social Studies has a very simple objective. It teaches children to not only see the world as it *is*, but how it *could* and *should* be.