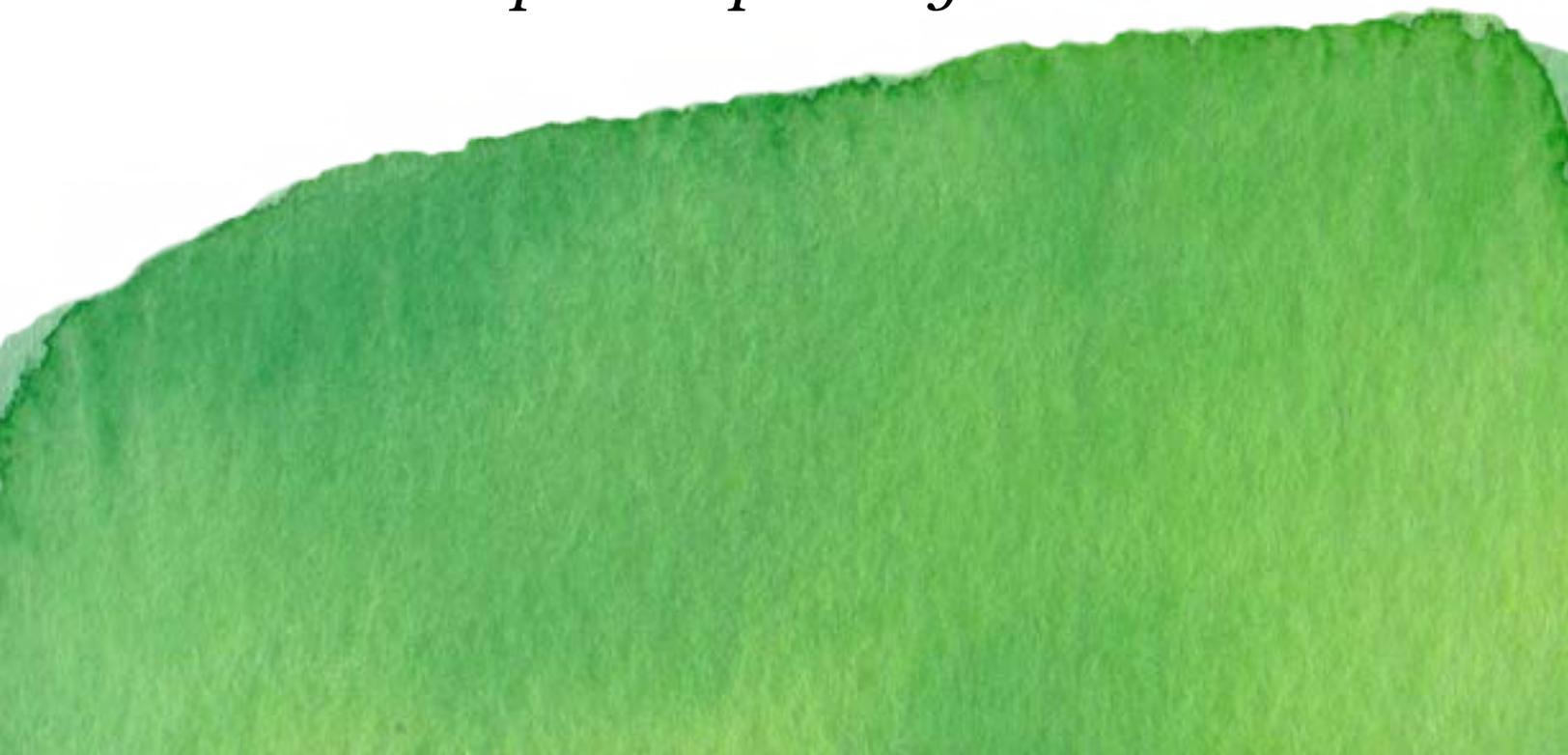




(CHARLES ORQBON III

public speaking kit



BIOGRAPHY

5th-grader Charles Orgbon III was troubled by his school's littering problem. First, Charles began staying afterschool to pick up the litter in order to meet his school's community service requirements; however, it did not take long before Charles's inquisitive nature kicked in and he began learning more about environmental issues in his free time. Charles began realizing that our world is facing even greater issues than just littering. Overpopulation, climate change, animal extinction – 5th grader Charles Orgbon III wanted to change the world and no one was going to stop him.

He started a student club that would help lead campus beautification projects. After three years of founding and leading school-based projects, Charles was off to high school but wanted to show even more young people how they could create similar campaigns. Therein lays Charles's impetus for creating an organization that would support young environmental changemakers across the globe: Greening Forward.

Greening Forward youth partners come from all over the world and find Greening Forward's +120 curriculum resources, grant programs, skill-building tools, and mentorship opportunities helpful in their youth-driven campaigns to effect environmental change at the local and global level. Currently, Greening Forward directly serves more than 2,000 young leaders who plan rallies, events, and workshops that engaged 10,000 other community members. Greening Forward youth are advocating for bike-friendly communities in Denver, bringing organic foods to low-income communities through aquaponics in Makiki Valley, developing young leaders through capacity-building conferences in Atlanta, and protecting the Lowcountry's vital estuaries in South Carolina.

Charles holds a number of national leadership positions and awards in the youth service and environmental fields. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis has dedicated a piece of the Power of Children permanent exhibit to Charles's efforts in order to inspire more young people to make a positive difference in the world. Charles is published in numerous books and is currently one of 48 "People of Character" featured in school agenda books. An UNESCO project even took Charles's profile to create a trading card game that will teach students about entrepreneurship and leadership. President Barack Obama, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson have also commended Charles's efforts.

The power of youth.

Every young person has a spark, something that makes him or her come alive. When catalyzed, young people can transform communities and lead sustainable community change. Explore with Charles how adults can help young people uncover their sparks and how young people can activate their sparks.

Youth-adult partnerships.

Young people can be your best allies. Youth can be board members, corporate advisors, judges, bloggers, focus group participants, workshop leaders, program managers, and so much more. Explore with Charles how adults can substantively engage youth as leaders in their organizations without tokenizing them.

Youth as eco-warriors.

Our environment is in peril. Research shows that young people care more about our environment than adults care and today's youth are stepping up at record numbers to demand a more sustainable and equitable world. We are not waiting for permission; we are driving the change we wish to see in our communities and the world now.

Diversity and the environment.

The paradigm exists that the "average" naturalist is perhaps a 30s, middleclass white man. If we really hope to make a meaningful difference in our planet, the environmental movement is going to need to find ways to diversify its reach. Explore with Charles practical solutions that create an inclusive environmental movement.

Skills for young changemakers.

Teaching youth how to read and write is just as important as teaching them how to lead community change. Charles can present workshops on any of these entrepreneurial skills for youth: grantwriting, event-planning, volunteer recruitment, branding, social media, building a board of directors, and more.

TESTIMONIALS

Today, Charles's various consulting, coaching, and public speaking experiences have solidified his role as an admired and highly sought-after youth-adult partnership thought leader, social innovator, and diversity and inclusion strategist.

"Charles's commitment to help unlock young people's potential and empower them to drive social and environmental change has received attention far and wide. Charles is a 'serial entrepreneur' and a natural leader."

*Ron Sarget,
CEO of Staples*

"The motto of Charles Orgbon's environmental organization is to "establish, engage and empower", and the young man himself does all three in any dialogue about the issues facing our planet. Impassioned and invigorating, Charles's words stay with an audience far after his closing remarks."

*Maria Belden,
Student Leader & Advocate*

"Valiant and wise beyond his years, Charles Orgbon is an inspiration to all who have the privilege of hearing his message. Spoken from the heart, Charles's message takes you by surprise and inspires you beyond your imagination."

*Dr. Laura Harris,
Social Studies Teacher*

"With a bright mind, an honest heart, and a passionate spirit, Charles will succeed in whatever endeavor he attempts."

*Rob Woodall,
U.S. Congressman*

"Charles is a powerhouse who is passionate about his ideas and convictions. At a young age, Charles has done what even many MBAs find daunting – he founded, developed, and led a nationally-recognized non-profit organization. Charles is truly a leader among leaders, demonstrating a natural ability to mobilize, empower, and inspire young people to positively impact their communities."

*Nekia S. Hackworth,
U.S. Assistant Attorney*

"I cannot think of someone more dedicated to public service, accomplished in his studies, and successfully leading the environmental sustainability community than Charles."

*Steven Culberson,
CEO of Youth Service America*

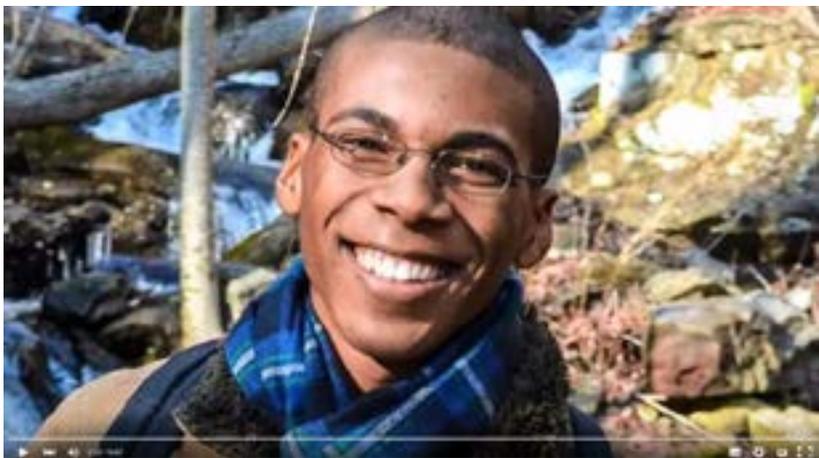
MEDIA

Charles has had experience speaking in a wide variety of settings, from audiences of 25 to 15,000, and on topics from youth engagement to environmentalism. Feel free to take a look at a few of Charles' recent speeches and feel free to reach out for booking information.



TEDxAtlanta

Charles Orgbon is 17, and he says he and his fellow teenagers know how to save the world if only the adults would give them the room to do it. He's got results to back up his words.



60-Second Bio Reel

In the 5th grade, Charles was troubled by noticing litter around his school's campus. He started a student club that would help lead campus beautification project, which laid the foundation for the founding of Greening Forward.

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