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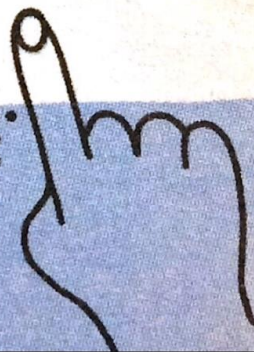
# BRaille

WAS **INVENTED**

by a 15-year-old?

- Louis Braille, who was blinded at the age of three, developed the braille system (a six-dot "cell" system) between the age of 12-15. His system was largely completed by 1824, when he was 15 years old.

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## THE YOUNG PEOPLE GETTING BEHIND BLM

It's been inspiring to see the way children have pledged to support the Black Lives Matter movement and support equality recently.

One brilliant example is nine-year-old Kamryn Johnson, of Chanhassen, Minnesota, who got together with five of her friends to create a business selling friendship bracelets. Funds raised go towards supporting Black-owned businesses that were damaged during protests and food banks in Minneapolis. Speaking to CNN, Kamryn's father Ron said, *"She has a huge heart and simply wanted to be of help in whatever way she could. When you look at Minneapolis, there is a huge racial gap in basically every aspect of life. It's not equal. We want to be there for Black businesses"*. To date, Kamryn and her friends have raised nearly \$100,000.

In Missouri, 11-year-old Jack Powers is mowing lawns to raise money to donate to the Black Lives Matter movement, telling reporters, *"I saw what happened to George Floyd and saw how people were being treated and I decided to make a change"*.

Many parents have made the decision to bring their children to protests, so they can be part of history and lend their young voices to the cause. Padonda Ali, a mother from Tampa Bay, Florida decided to do just that and explained her reasons to The Tampa Bay Times: *"I'm Black, my kids are half-Black. I want to show them they have to stand up for what they believe in"*.

In Seattle, a multi-racial family of six, including four adopted children, arranged a march in their neighbourhood and sold popcorn to raise money for the cause. They held handmade posters aloft and called out *"Black Lives Matter"*. All the money they raised will go towards the National Urban League, an organisation that *"enables African Americans and other under-served urban residents to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights"*. Speaking in DH News, the children's father, Neil Carr, explained why it's important to teach children about the realities of the world around them: *"We have to teach them to see the ugliness, but not meet it with more ugliness. We want to teach them to bring understanding, hope, peace and change"*.