



Transform Rhode Island Scholarship

“There is an urgent need for a platform that can foster understanding, acceptance and a connection among kids and teenagers. We can use the power of technology to break down barriers and foster inclusive communities.”

~ Folajimi Olagundoye
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BIG IDEA:

Folajimi knows first-hand that social anxiety can profoundly impact a child’s self-esteem. Drawing from his own experience as a youth who suffered from a rare medical condition, Folajimi developed Compassionate Connections.

This app aims to empower, promote confidence, and give a safe space for children who have medical conditions and anxiety.

HOW WILL HE DO IT?

Compassionate Connections uses technology to foster meaningful connections among users, allows them to engage in discussions, seek advice, and share and provide resources.

The app will include virtual events including support groups, educational workshops, and social events. Folajimi plans to partner with community organizations and utilize user feedback for sustainability and growth.



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