BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

During election time, and especially during voter registration drives, most of us in the League get comments like, “Voting isn’t important, certainly not my vote! My vote doesn’t count, right?” This thinking couldn’t be further from the truth. I’ll let this high school sophomore tell you why in her own words.

“Your vote represents others who are not able to vote.” This student is speaking about immigrant parents and family members who are not yet citizens and do not have voting rights. She is speaking for herself and for friends not yet eighteen, but for whom voting outcomes have real consequences. Your neighbors, family members and friends who are not eligible to vote live with the outcomes of elections.

This impressive student continues by saying, “Political issues are human issues.” Someone’s life is being affected by the outcome of every election. Someone you know cares a great deal about outcomes that affect their healthcare, their student loan, their housing situation, schooling and childcare or policing in their community. Some can’t vote yet for the people who might work to make the changes that will improve their lives, but you can. Think about the issues that matter to you and those you care about.

Be a voice for the voiceless. Encourage others who can vote to be that voice, too. Every person who votes may be speaking for three or four other people who do not yet have the privilege of having their voices heard. Your vote can represent the voices of your family, your friends, your neighborhood. SHOW UP! VOTE!

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If you are a senior citizen, speak for other seniors, or for your children and grandchildren. If you are a first time voter, here’s your chance to really make a difference. In 2020 there were 22 million young people eligible to vote for the first time. Twenty-two million! That’s a lot of voting power! **SHOW UP! VOTE!**

Early voting in New Jersey has already started and runs through October 31st. Remember your vote can mean more than just showing up yourself. You can be a voice for those others who must still wait for their chance. Show up for them because voting is more than a privilege, it’s a responsibility.

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS SO BE COUNTED!  SHOW UP!  VOTE!**

Early voting Oct. 23-31 - see link below for early voting polling places  
Early voting hours Mon.-Sat. 10:00am-8:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm
Election Day  Tuesday, November 2, 2021  6:00am-8:00pm