

STOPWASTE

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May the 4Rs Be With You Contest 2021

## My 4Rs: Rethink, Reuse, Reduce, Replant



## My (Re)Generation Action Story:

Rethink, Reuse, Reduce, Replant. Why did I pick these 4Rs? From my childhood to now I have visited many countries around the world. Being in these places I have always been inspired by the resourcefulness of the people there.

Reusing things in order to help them, the people around them, or the environment is so common in countries such as India and Mexico. Being inspired by these visits is why I came to choose these four Rs.

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## Satyam's Story Continued:

I firmly believe that if people are able to change their mindset of how everyday objects can be reused it will reduce the overall waste and improve our environment. A change like this would have an impact on multiple generations.

The paint bucket and flower in my painting depict how, rather than becoming part of trash that sits in landfills, household waste products can be transformed into things that breed life and help the environment. I even used a coin and a spare wire to make the handle to my bucket. The painting is split into two canvases to show that what lies above the paint bucket is not limited to a flower or plant, but anything that can help you or the world. I am trying to show that if we can rethink the way we utilize household items it reduces the waste we produce from them.

At least 6 million containers of paint are bought by households each year in the U.S. and most of them aren't reused or recycled. By using paint buckets as pots for plants, we can limit waste and help the environment at the same time. With a little creativity, you can paint over them and make them decorative additions to your garden. This simple and fun activity will save millions of pieces of trash from retiring in landfills. Although, this is a small piece in the billions of containers and waste products that crowd landfills, it is still a step in the right direction for our (re)generation.