Who am I? & What is my story?

When I was little, my father stressed the golden rule of giving. Unlike most dads, he encouraged my sister and I to leave BIG imprints on our world.

Under his influence I knew I would help people, but how? The last thing I would have guessed is that I would be creating a website in the midst of a pandemic - a science website, of all things.

In March, this journey started, with a statement from my teacher:

"If a treatment or vaccine isn't going to be created soon, there is a high possibility that someone - if not many - in this classroom will get the virus. We need to be prepared. "

At that moment, I understood the impact the virus would have on our lives. Never would I have imagined that the virus could hit so close to home. In the past few months, it seemed so distant, looming in China, Italy, or Korea - but certainly not in sunny California.

Determined to find out more, I began to learn about the drugs that were being tested, for vaccines and for immediate usage.

The more I read, the more I became curious as to how others would benefit from these readings. How useful this information could be for busy individuals - if only it was all gathered in one spot!

About a week later, as I was reading news, a particular headline from the Washington Post caught my eye: "**A man thought aquarium cleaner with the same name as the anti-viral drug**

chloroquine would prevent coronavirus. " So this man drank the cleaner. **"It killed him."**

That story sealed the deal for my queries - I needed to somehow communicate simple information about COVID-19 drugs in development. To accommodate everyone's busy schedules, all that information had to be in one place.

Most people have an AHA moment in their life, where one powerful insight reverses their way of thinking. When I created that website designed to help people understand COVID-19 drugs at a deeper level, I went from being a part of the problem to being part of the solution.

What started with searching up papers to read about drugs soon became a full blown website with one mission - to empower individuals with knowledge and inspire them to take charge of their future - in a simple way.

Now our vision is to save lives by providing accurate information to everyone.

After all, the world is fighting two pandemics - one that we know of, the other standing in its shadow - misinformation.