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Jonathan is a student at Loyola University in Chicago, USA studying social work, gender studies, and public health and graduating in 2012. After the completion of his undergraduate degrees, he plans to pursue medicine and focus on health disparities issues. At Jatan he helped to design the “Power and Effort! Developing youth capacities for change in rural Rajasthan”

curriculum to be implemented in youth groups throughout the Rajsamand District. Drawing from the youth themselves, the curriculum focuses on creating community dialoged and youth generated solutions to pressing social issues including effects of migration on the village, health disparities, community violence, and gender-based discrimination. Jonathan loved his work, loved spending time with the youth groups, and loved living in Railmagra. He hopes that the curriculum can be implemented for the betterment of rural communities, and can be a catalyst for change.

“Young people in rural Rajasthan have the capacity and the strength to create change in their communities; all they need are the tools. Jatan Sansthan’s fantastic youth group program provides young people with the resources to change society for the better.”