

# Meet Colleen



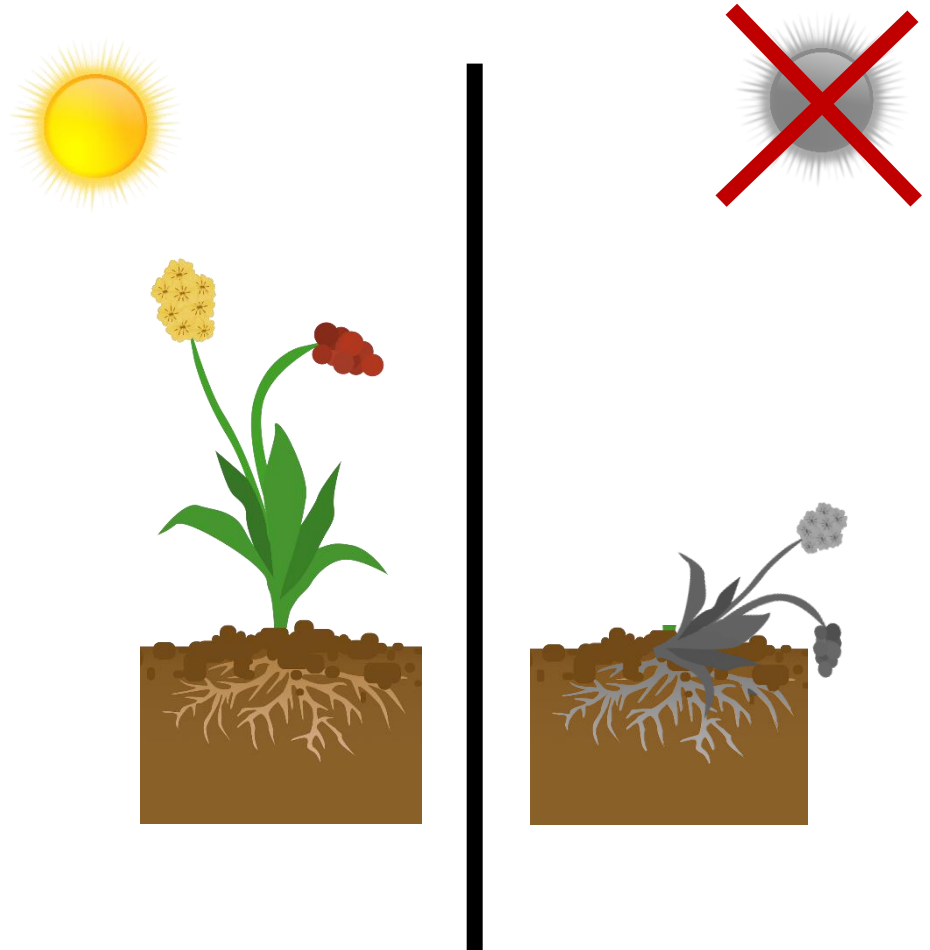
*Colleen Costello*

*Co-Founder of*



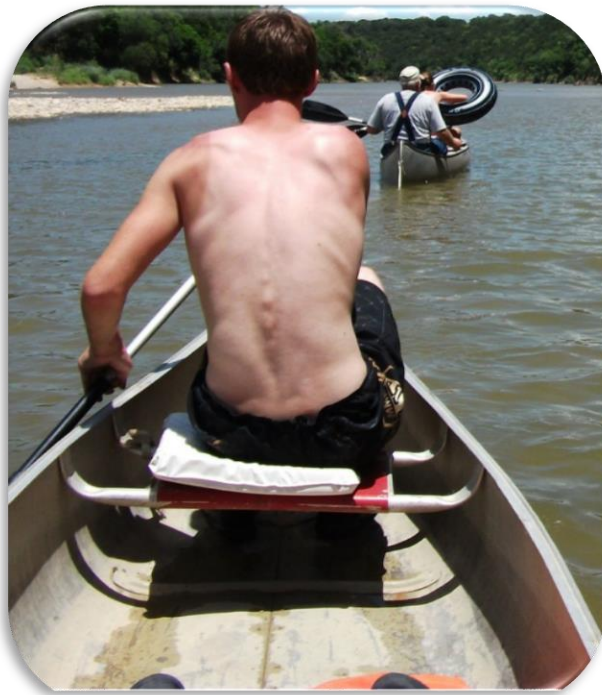
Colleen Costello started a company called Vital Vio. She is an engineer from Troy, New York. Do you know where that is? Colleen is interested in many things like keeping people from getting sick and making new products. One of the things she likes so much about running her own company is that she gets a chance to do lots of different things.

Did you know that plants and animals need light to live? Some kinds of light provide the energy plants and animals need to make vitamins and food.



Did you know that light can also hurt ?

Have you ever gotten a sunburn? Do you put on sunscreen on in the summer? That is to protect you from a certain part of the sunlight. Just light some light can give you a sunburn, some kinds of light can also hurt and destroy germs.



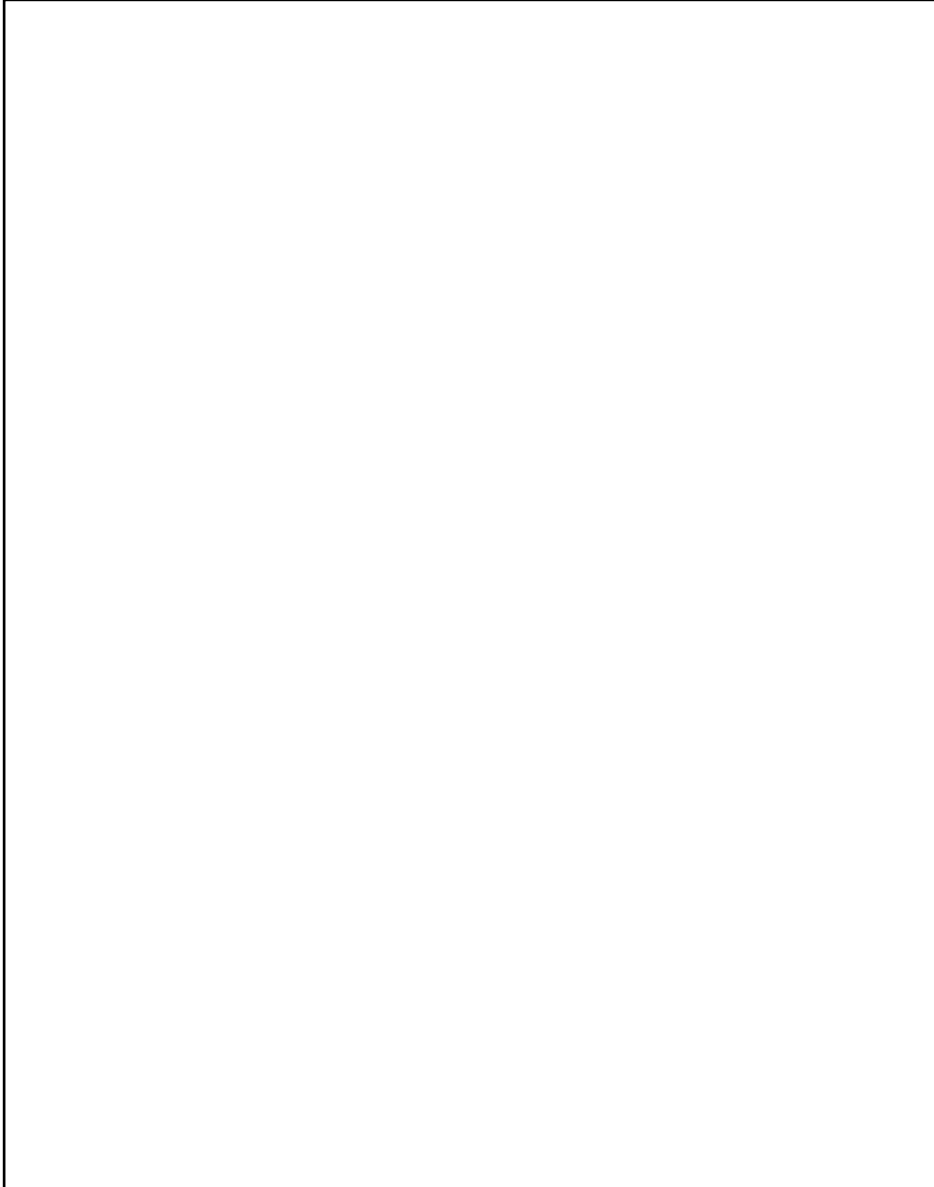
Imagine getting rid of all the germs in your bathroom by turning on the light instead of having to scrub it with cleaners.



Colleen and her company are doing just that with the special lights they have developed. Their lights are fine for plants and animals (including humans) but destroy many harmful germs.

## Discussion Prompts

a. Would you like Colleen's job? Why or why not? (draw or write your answer)



The Vital Vio lights are very safe. Some people still worry that they could hurt them. Why do you think they worry about that?

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Can you make a commercial about the Vital Vio lights?