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Like Aubrey, I want to make an impact. I accomplish this by doing service work. I perform service at my school, my church and my community. I have been doing community service since I was very young and it is a big part of my life. It has always been something I like to do because I enjoy helping others.

My first experience of service for my church was when I was in fourth grade and I became an altar server. I helped serve at mass for 4 years until this year and now I am Eucharistic Minister. I also have been a lector for 2 years at my school. I think that it is important to be an active member of my church and participate in service opportunities.

I have been a volunteer in the Sunday school program in my church for 3 years. Each year I am assigned to different classes and assist the students and teachers with their lessons. I really enjoy helping at Sunday school because I like to help little kids learn about God. It is fun to get to know the kids and then to see them around my school. I want to be a positive role model for them.

I have participated at our church Vacation Bible School for 4 years. I have chosen different assignments to help with each year. The first three years I helped with games and this past summer I decided to be a classroom helper. Being a classroom helper gave me a lot more chance to get to know the kids in my group and help them follow in the footsteps of God.

I also take part in service for my community. This past Halloween I created a 15 minute haunted trail in the woods behind my house. I organized a group of friends to help me participate in the trails. I put fliers in all the neighbors' mailboxes and I charged one dollar per person to enter. We rose over \$100 dollars which was donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer foundation. We had so much fun planning, and decorating our trail, yet made a lot of money for a good cause.

Last summer my neighbor and I decided we wanted to raise money for Cancer Free Kids. Throughout the summer we did multiple lemonade stands and

were able to make a \$200 dollar donation. We brought the money to their center and learned that it was going towards research to cure childhood cancer.

Another community activity that I take part in is Meals on Wheels. I have helped my mother in the summer and on school breaks for many years. We drive to the Sycamore Senior Center to pick up the food and distribute it to the needy in Loveland. It is very important to help those who cannot make their own food and help themselves. They are always very appreciative and grateful for the work we do. I always try to be very friendly to the people because most of them are old and lonely.

When I am at school I always try to be helpful and courteous to the other students and teachers. I want to be a good example to the younger students and my friends. I want them to see me involved in helping others and encourage them to do the same.

I think that it is important for everyone to become involved with some kind of service. There are many people who need help and service makes the world a better place. Service does not just have a positive impact on the people I help; it has a positive impact on me! It makes me feel good to help others and let them know someone took the time to help them. I don't do service just because I have to, but because I like to. I know that when I attend Moeller High School in the fall, there will be lots of opportunities to provide service and I am sure I will get involved.