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Essay

There are many ways that I have affected people in my community.

For the last several years I have been helping my neighbors by raking their leaves, shoveling their snow and cutting their grass. I have helped them because they are not able to do it themselves. I know Mr. Hegner, Mrs. Cook, Carol and Mr. Weber really appreciate me helping with these chores. I get a good feeling when I help others in need. I have also watched my neighbors' pets while they were away on vacation. I needed to feed, water and clean the litter box. I have some really great neighbors that depend on me. For the last four years, my sister and I have collected canned goods from my neighborhood for the missions in Appalachia as well as those in need in our community. This really helps those people who don't have enough money to pay for food.

Every year all my cousins gather on the day after Thanksgiving to help put up Christmas lights for my grandma and grandpa. We have a lot of fun and my grandparents really appreciate the help we provide. This lifts their spirits for the holidays and always puts a smile on their faces. I also cut the grass for my other grandma.

Other ways I have affected people in my community was at games. For the last three years, I have helped with shirt sales and volunteered in the concession stand for the WASA Soccer Tournament. This included sorting and folding shirts for the pre-orders and then passing them out the day of the tournament. I also sold food and drinks to the teams and parents attending the tournament. This money raised supports youth soccer in Delhi.

I am also very involved at St. Dominic Church and School. At church, I lector, cantor, serve, and I am also a Eucharistic Minister. I sing with the choir during 11:30 mass and also sing by myself during the weekday masses. In school, I have been a Student Council homeroom representative where I represented my classmates on issues affected them. We also collected gloves, books, food, and money for those in need. For the last three years, I have run the Spirit Shop during the school week. I had a very positive impact on those who wanted to show their school pride. I sell the spirit wear items to the students and collect money from them. Assisting with the Secret Santa weekend allowed me to help many other children enjoy a special time of year. I have also tutored Kindergarten students for the last three years who had difficulties with letter recognition and sounds. I have stamped hundreds of post cards for the dances for Special Adults. One of the most touching moments was when I helped serve the community dinners with my Church. I was sure to serve them up a warm welcome and a big smile. Many of them recognized me because they had seen me cantor and serve during masses throughout the year. I have also worked the children's booths at our festival. I enjoy helping the younger kids with the games and seeing them smile when they win their prizes.

My parents volunteer for a lot of things but we have developed a family tradition to help with Oktoberfest and the Taste of Cincinnati. We always volunteer to work together at least one day for each of these events each year for the last several years. We have a lot of fun as a family volunteering for these events.

I have also experienced a very hard time in my life during the summer after finishing fourth grade. I lost my best friend, Jake Wittich, his sister Sydney and his mom. I was best friends with Jake and we spent many nights sleeping over each other's house. We played on the same sports teams and played lots of video games. My older sister had been Sydney's older sister at St. Dominic. I am proud to help Mr. Wittich, Katie and Lindsey keep their memories alive. Over the last two years I have helped the Wittich family by volunteering at their fundraisers. These fundraisers are attended by hundreds of family members and friends who gather to remember Jake and Sydney. I helped them prepared the baskets for the fundraisers and helped fill the goodie bags for the people to take home with them. This year, Mr. Wittich allowed me to oversee the Silent Auction. The money raised affects many others in our community, including children and families in need of help, love or support. I played a lead role on the committee of Saint Dominic students to sell wrist bands in the memory of Jake and Sydney. So far, we have sold more than 500 wristbands and raised over \$900. This money will be used for scholarships for other students who may not be able to afford a Catholic education. Jake and Sydney's grandma always stops to visit with me on my birthday and other times throughout the year. We can't bring Jake and Sydney back but we help each other to keep them in our hearts. This was a horrible tragedy that affected so many people in our community but we have turned this around to positively affect many others for years to come.

These are some of the ways I have affected people around me at home, in my school and in my community.