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One of my favorite verses from the bible is, “ *whatever you do to the least of my brothers that you do to me.*”

I really try to live up to this on a daily basis and believe it is my formula for having a fulfilling life.

I am an honor roll student and I hope to have a positive influence on the people in my life; my friends, family, church and school members, and the many people in my community.

I serve my church as an altar server and Eucharistic minister along with singing in the children’s choir. I enjoy cantoring and leading the assembly in praising God in song. I believe you can change people’s lives just with your voice. Powerful!

I play on my schools soccer and volleyball teams. Encouraging and cheering on my teammates is important to the teams moral. I may not be the best player but I am a really good cheerleader! I am glad I can boost the team’s spirit and motivate them. Go Mustangs!

My faith has always been a big part of my life but it has grown tremendously since I began preparing for my Confirmation. On one of the last days of seventh grade we were given a packet telling us what we needed to do to be eligible for Confirmation. One of the requirements was completing 15 hours of community service. Some people moaned, “15 hours! I’ll never be able to do that! This is crazy.” I smiled to myself because I knew that I could do this and more.

In the past I have done an estimated 30 hours just at or parish festival. My parents have been the chairpersons for the festival food for the past three years. I help set up, unload trucks, bring things to the right booths and lots of chopping, mixing, and stirring. My favorite and most fun part of helping out at the festival is working the goldfish booth and the kiddie corner booths. Cute kids! ♥

I also volunteer at Sharonville United Methodist summer Vacation Bible School as a teen aid to the preschool and kindergarten groups. It’s a weeklong camp teaching lessons about God’s love through songs, crafts, and games. I also do about the same thing as a volunteer at Christ’s Church of Mason’s summer Vacation Bible School. I love working with children and teaching them that our God is an awesome God.

Also, at Christ’s Church of Mason I volunteer at their summer MAD camp. (Music Art and Drama) I shared my love of music and sung with the children. Last year I

participated as a drama aid to four and five year olds. The children were very funny and entertaining.

Being a Girl Scout for the majority of my life has taught me to be a good and caring person and to respect others and help those in need. As a troop we visited Matthew 25 Ministries, purchased, prepared, and decorated (with glitter of course!) shoeboxes that were filled personal care items for a shelter for those who couldn't have a Christmas this year. We also donated cookies to the troops.

Currently I am up to 71 hours and 45 minutes of community service. Some of my classmates ask me, "How do you get so many service hours?" I tell them I find something I love to do (like working with little kids) and turn it into community service hours.

The services I give to others make me happy and grow closer to God. I know that no matter how much I give I can always give more. I will continue to encourage and praise my friends and others. I will provide a helping hand to those who are reaching out for one. I will give my time to children and adults. I am planning on walking the Heart Mini Marathon this March with my dad because my grandpa is suffering from heart problems and my recently born second cousin is experiencing a major heart defect. I will share my gifts of music and song. I will aid those who need food, shelter, and clothing.

I am glad God has given me the ability to do these things!