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This scholarship made me look back at my years at Our Lady of Victory and reflect on how I have helped others and all the service I have done in my community. As an eighth grader I understand the significance of performing service and helping others and the impact it may have on someone. Even the little things can boost someone's spirits, like holding a door for them or just smiling and talking with them. That is what my parents taught me to do whenever I'm in public, in a group, or just for one person. It always makes them happier. I am someone who loves when others smile. If someone smiles back for something then my day gets better too. I believe that helping out in the community is the little things as well have the big things.

In Cub Scouts I had multiple opportunities to do service. Cub Scouts was from first grade to fifth grade and every year we would serve at a soup kitchen several times a year. At the time I was younger and I thought that they just wanted us to do that to help them. I never thought about it until I wasn't required to do it anymore. After I thought about it, I was amazed about how much I did to help. It wasn't just serving a meal. There were multiple things happening behind it. When the hungry received food at the soup kitchen, they were so appreciative of this one meal because they didn't know when their next meal would be available. Also it could have been their first meal in days. Some of them have families to worry about and other things to stress over. I now realize how important that fried chicken, corn, and jello was to those we served at the soup kitchen. At the time I didn't stop to think about the difference we were making, but now I understand that it means the world to them that we would our spend our time and money to serve them.

I enjoyed finding other unique ways to help others through Cub Scouts. For example, every year there is a turkey shoot. At the turkey shoot we would shoot at printed turkeys with a target on it. The winner got a free turkey for Thanksgiving. In fifth grade I won the turkey. As a tradition my uncle gets the turkey for our family dinner from Findley Market and he had already done this. Since we didn't need a second turkey I donated the turkey I won. I was happy to feed a family that couldn't buy a turkey for Thanksgiving. As I was eating Thanksgiving dinner I was thinking about the family enjoying the turkey I provided.

In sixth grade and eighth grade I helped with cookie dough pick up. I would get people's orders so they didn't have to get their own order. Also I would carry their order out to their car. Some people said that they couldn't even lift the order so they were happy that I was there. I felt good about it because people would have had to worry

about opening their car door with the box in their hand. I could tell that people appreciate the help because of the smile on their face.

Throughout my years at Victory and even before Victory I have been helping my family. Since I am the only grandson I do a lot of jobs for my grandparents, my parents, and my aunts and uncles. I regularly go over my grandparents' house to get into storage spaces where they can't get into. I know that without me they couldn't get into these spaces to get anything out or put anything away. By doing this for them it makes their day a little easier and they can continue their day with whatever they needed to get done. And I help my parents with repairs around the house or maybe cleaning the floors for my mom when she is busy and dust for my dad. These are small things I can do in addition to my regular chores. I help them no matter what. I know that my family appreciates the extra help because they get more time for their work or schedule.

This year I started to volunteer with the Aubrey Rose Foundation. I know where the money is going. When I volunteer the money goes straight to the foundation. I am happy about that because the foundation helps families with sick children who don't have enough money to purchase a pump, have surgery, or for another medical need. I know the families don't know the volunteers but I know they are super thankful for our time to raise money and help the foundation. I intend to continue to do more service in my community throughout high school.

Thank you for taking the time to read my scholarship application.