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"If you're not making someone else's life better, than you're wasting your time.  
Your life will become better by making other people's lives better."

~ Will Smith

When I first heard this quote it got me thinking. Am I making other people's lives better? My entire life I have been unusually tall and big. My parents always told me that because I was one of the biggest kids in my grade I had an obligation to help, protect and look out for others. I have tried to take this obligation to heart. Today, I believe I make people's lives better by helping and looking out for them. I do this in my community, church, home, and especially my school.

As a school project, I started writing an elderly woman named Mrs. Carr who stays in her home and does not have many people to talk with. As I continued to write her, we talked about school and our lives. She is a lovely woman, who is mother, grandmother and loves gardening. I enjoyed getting to know her.

Being a Eucharistic Minister at my church and doing readings whenever possible allows me to help out at our school masses and serve my church community. I have received three of the seven sacraments and will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February. My church community is important to me.

At home, I help out by feeding our two dogs and rabbit and cleaning when not asked. At different times, I also make breakfast, lunch, and dinner for my family. I especially enjoy surprising my family with a nice breakfast on Sunday mornings. Pancakes are my specialty.

At St. Michael School, I often wipe down the tables after lunch and help carry the trays back into the kitchen. All the lunch volunteers know my name and it makes me feel good to help them do their work. During school hours I participate in class and help out as much as I can. This past fall I was elected vice-president of the student body.

At my school we are assigned a "family". Each family has a member from each of the grades and we meet during set "family" times. I really enjoy my school family and I seek them out outside of the set times. I always go out of my way to visit with my family members and high five them and talk with them when I can. As the oldest member of the family, I realize I have an obligation because they look up to me. Further, because I am the oldest, I realize that me knowing them and going out of my way to spend time with them means much more to them.

I have earned honors every year at St. Michael School and will work hard to earn honors throughout the rest of my eighth grade year.

After I graduate from St. Xavier High School, I plan on going into medicine and hope to eventually become a doctor where I can make a difference in more people's lives. I

ask you to consider me for the Aubrey Rose scholarship and I would be honored to accept it. Thank you for taking the time to read my essay.