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I believe that making a difference in everyday actions is very important. It is not just important to help people around you in your community, but also, it is good to help people in your family and in your school. Through the way I live my life, I always try to make a difference in my community, at school, and in my home.

I make differences in people's lives through my community. Three years ago I became a part of a group called Helping Hands at my school. Helping Hands is a community outreach group at Sacred Heart for students in grades 6 through 8, where we do different activities to help people throughout our community. I have been actively involved in this group since 6th grade, making almost all of the meetings and events, and at the end of last year, I was elected to be the Vice President. Some of the projects that I have helped work on include going to Living Waters, a ministry in Hamilton that offers after school care and help to at risk children. At Living Waters, I was able to help kids with their homework, read with them, and do fun activities with children who live in a life of poverty. I always enjoy volunteering as a buddy at the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields, whether it is with our Helping Hands group or on my own. Some other activities I have been an active part of include volunteering for the Mom and Me Valentine Tea to benefit Children's Hospital and planting a tree for the memory of Kyler Bradley, a Fairfield boy who died of brain cancer. Sometimes I help organize our collections of money, personal care items, or clothing for children in need, such as for those at Resurrection School in Price Hill. I believe that all of these actions made a difference in people's lives because I was able to help them in some way and sometimes even made their day! Even just a little thing such as going to a school to

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read and help children with their homework can make a big difference in that person's life. Not only have I made a difference in my community, but I also have made a difference at school.

I believe that I have made a difference through my school and classmates. I always try to include everyone and to be kind and respectful to everyone no matter what. I make a difference for my teachers because I try to help out as much as possible. When they ask me to do something, I will do it right away. I try to volunteer when needed, such as staying behind after a school mass to count and sort the number of foods we collected during mass that day for the Dorothy Cupboard, our parish and school's special collection for the needy. Making a difference in your family is just as important as making a difference in your school.

Even though I make a difference in my community and at my school, I also try to make a difference in my family. I do this by helping around the house. It is important to share responsibilities so that nobody has to do all of the work on their own. Sometimes I get busy with school and sports and find it hard to remember to do things as simple as playing with my siblings. I really try to take time to do this because playing with them is very important. It always makes them really happy and brings our family together. I truly believe that I have made a difference at home, at school, and in my community.

I really hope that I have been using the talents God has given me to make a difference in people's lives in a good way and in many ways. Being a person who loves to make a positive difference in people's lives is a great personality to have, and it is the way my family, school, and church have taught me to live. Helping people and making a

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positive impact in the world makes me feel good about myself. I hope people remember me helping them in their life, and I know that by helping people, they have made a difference in mine. Therefore, I will keep doing my job of making a difference!