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Aubrey's story has inspired me to give back to my school and the community. Just like Aubrey, I was to be able to put a smile on peoples' faces. There are many ways I have affected people in my life at my grade school and at home. One way I have helped people is by performing tasks for my teachers and the staff. Being kind to others and devoting my time to help others is another thing I enjoy doing. Even though some of the acts I do can be challenging, I persevere because I know what I am doing is going to benefit someone else.

One group of people I have impacted is the school's staff and teachers. An act of kindness my class performs is setting up and taking down chairs and tables for school events. We do this to help our school's janitor because it is less work for him. I know that he greatly appreciates the works we do for him because it lightens the load of work he has to complete. Another way I have affected the people of my school is by being a tour guide at Open House. Not only did I help the people in charge, but I was also influencing the parents who were deciding where to send their child for school. Participating in my school's Mission Festival was another way I touched someone else. During the festival, I was able to work a booth and the proceeds were sent to a school in Uganda. Knowing I was able to help children who do not have the education and opportunities I have inspires me to work to help others who are not as fortunate as I am. In the end, it was truly rewarding to be able to help others despite the challenges along the way.

Showing kind actions is another way I have touched people's hearts people. In November, my school put on a Veteran's Day program. The program was a way for me to be able to express my thankfulness to the soldiers who fought for my freedom. My class also took a trip to Hillenbrand Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. During the time we spent there, we were able to help the residents build gingerbread houses. Being able to put a smile on the residents' faces was truly rewarding because most of them do not get company. I was very pleased with the actions I had done in those months because I was able to give back to others.

Over the summer, I volunteered at a camp called Stepping Stones which is for children with disabilities. During the camp, I was paired with a child the staff thought was right for me. Throughout the week, I was able to help the child involve themselves in the day's activities including swimming, music, art, and sports. It was fun for the child, but it was also a way for me to enjoy my time there. The child, their family, and myself were all impacted by my actions. Throughout the time I volunteered at the camp, I learned to take nothing for granted because not everyone is as fortunate as I am.

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Another way I have affected people is by devoting my time to help others. Volunteering for events at my school and parish is something I enjoy doing. Every week, I bring in my neighbors trash cans and newspaper so they do not have to worry about it. I also help my brother and friends with their homework. Throughout the year, I volunteer for any activities open to volunteers. Volunteering is something I enjoy doing because I am able to put a smile on someone's face, just like Aubrey did!

Every action I do affects someone whether I realize it or not. I want to continue to do works that impact people in a positive way. Aubrey is truly an inspiration to me, and I aspire to help anyone in any situation I can.