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Mother Teresa once said, “Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.” Throughout my daily life, I always try to take these words into consideration and see the bright side of every circumstance in order to help spread kindness to others.

At my school, I am given many opportunities to assist others through showing how to be an example and practicing different forms of leadership. Our principal always tells us every morning to put others before yourself and to help others every chance you can get. Every Monday, I participate in Beta Tutoring, in which I tutor younger students and give them a mentor to look up to. In addition, I am my school's Principal Corps Coordinator, which means that I help my principal with whatever she needs, whether it be taking presents to younger kids on the holidays, buying gifts for teachers to show how much we appreciate them, or helping other students become organized. On top of that, I have been on my school's Student Council since fourth grade. Through my experience on Student Council I learned that sometimes the best way to lead is leading by example, and that has truly helped me aid other people. Additionally, every year the seventh and eighth graders at Mother Teresa give up their holiday parties in order to throw parties for a less fortunate school in Hamilton, Ohio. This experience truly helped me to open my eyes to the poverty that takes place right around me, and it also taught me to be more humble.

In addition to all of the service I do at my school, I enjoy doing other activities to help others. In first grade, I joined American Heritage Girls, and I have been actively participating in it ever since. Every year, my American Heritage Girls troop has different

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campus and meetings, such as going to Matthew 25 Ministries, Hands Against Hunger, and making local service projects, in order to help us grow as people and learn how to serve others. Over my years in American Heritage Girls, I have realized that I truly want to help others the most I can. In 2016 and 2017, I was awarded the Gold Presidential Service Award for exceeding 100 hours of service. This year, I hope to do even more service than last year.

One of the main reasons Aubrey Rose's legacy holds a special place in my heart is because my cousin, Jacob, suffered from birth defects, just like Aubrey. Unfortunately for Jacob, his defects were too severe, and he returned to God after one hour of life. His life may have been short, but I know he left an impact on my family. Although Aubrey and Jacob did not have the same condition, they both battled hard and they both lost their lives way too young. Jacob and Aubrey inspire me to do great things with my life and to live every moment to the fullest. Throughout my life, the experiences I have lived through made me realize to never take life for granted. I am so fortunate for all of my blessings and I will continue to use them for the greater good of others. I may not know where my future will take me, but I know that wherever I go I will always try to positively affect others and leave my mark, just as Aubrey and Jacob did.