

## **Anna Catherine Sansalone- The Summit Country Day School**

Every day I try to make a difference in the lives of people around me.

I attempt to make a difference in the lives of my classmates at school by being a KORT representative, which I have done each year of middle school. The Summit Country Day Middle School offers the opportunity for a member of each advisement to participate in a student-led program similar to Senate in the Upper School. I have represented my advisement in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As a KORT representative, I organize food drives, set up donation campaigns and give presentations to my advisement and grade level.

I also work to make a difference in other's lives through service work. I am of Greek descent, and the recent Greek economic crisis had an impact on my family and me since we have relatives living there to whom I am very much connected. I worked on and/or organized a series of three fundraisers to donate money to International Christian Orthodox Charities ("IOCC"), which has set up a special donation system to allow donations to one specific project. Through passing a second tray at church, conducting a bake sale at school and holding a Greek-inspired fundraiser tea, I was able to raise approximately \$7,000, which I donated specifically to help Greek orphans suffering on account of Greece's economic crisis. I hope and believe that this will impact their lives in a positive way.

Finally, I also work to improve the lives of those around me by making a positive impact in my community. Last year, I spent an hour and a half every

Saturday morning assisting a teacher at the Cincinnati Ballet with a Children's Division class of seven and eight years olds. I enjoyed the experience and I hope I left a positive impression on the children I taught. I have also participated in the "Elmhurst Elves," a group of children in my neighbourhood who do good deeds in my neighborhood and in the community. I now help organize and plan the events, including lemonade stands and visits to Saint Margaret Hall Retirement Home. Not only does my participation in these volunteer activities help others, I also believe that it is helping to develop my leadership skills.