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In my 9 years at St. Veronica, I have affected many peoples' lives. I enjoy helping out with Vacation Bible School, where I can teach the younger kids about how important their faith should be. I also love to sing, act, and dance; I help out in my school musical by teaching the students the dances and giving them advice on their acting skills. I am naturally a people person, so I will talk to someone any chance I get. I love babysitting or just hanging out with my younger cousins. The most important thing to me is for everyone to have a source of joy in their life, and when I get the chance I like to provide happiness to those who need it. I also enjoy doing service for my community. Through sports I encourage others and help them when they need it. I always do my best to set a good example, because I know there are younger kids who look up to me. I believe that I make people's day better just by complimenting them, or even something as simple as smiling. I think that even the smallest things can change peoples' lives the most. I think that people don't always realize what they say and do affects other people. I always try to put myself in other peoples' shoes, and ask myself how I would feel in their situation. You never know what someone is really going through, so that is why I am kind to everyone. Many people have bad days and one thing said to them might turn it all around.

I think that I have changed my parents' life tremendously. I bring smiles to their faces whenever I can, and going to high school gives them one more thing to be proud of. I learn from the people that inspire me, that I have to do good things in this world. When everything else is full of negativity, I try to let my smile be the one thing that brightens someone's day. When people inspire me I take mental notes and know that that is how I want people to remember me. I want to be remembered for being reliable; I want people to know they can tell me anything. I like to help people when they are struggling, even if they just want to talk to someone. This being said, I don't think enough people can do that. I think that everyone should have one person they can talk to about everything, and that could potentially change their life forever.

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It is crazy to think that you, one out of 7 billion people, could have changed someone's life for the better. Not many people look at it that way. I know that I would be nowhere without some of the people that are in my life. I know that some people wouldn't be where they are now without me. The closest person to me is my cousin. I am inspired by everything that she does. In my eyes she is one of the most perfect people, and that is how I want people to view me. I want to know that I have had such an impact on someone's life that they look up to me and want to be like me. My cousin and I are only a couple months apart, but it seems like she has lived through so much more than me. She truly inspires me.

The one thing I want to do before I die is public speak. I have always loved talking. And the one thing I love talking to people about is the fact that they are worth it. Whenever people feel like they have been let down by the world I tell them, "You were chosen by God to be born. That makes me feel pretty special, there is a one out of millions of chances that you could be born, and you were chosen now, in this wonderful time to be alive." I think that this makes a difference when I tell them this; it makes them look at life in a different way. It helps them to know that they shouldn't take their life for granted. I have made a difference in people, because I am me, and this is the time God has chosen for me to touch the lives of others.