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I have made a large impact in my school and my community. I enjoy helping people out. I especially like working with kids. I do everything I possibly can to help anyone I can. At school whenever a teacher needs a job done, I am always one of the first to volunteer. Before school starts, I am a peer tutor. I am also the treasurer of the student council. I help the students in my class get the information they need by stuffing Wednesday Folders. I help enhance worship at my school through my singing and dancing. There are three each liturgical dance and liturgical choir members. I am the only one in both activities. During these activities I dance and sing for the congregation.

I have been doing gymnastics since I was two, and I have been competing for nine years. While at the gym the opportunity has arisen to help many times. Every year I have been able to help us put on our gymnastics home meet. The last few years I have had the job of running camera cards for the photographers. This is important as it allows the competitors and their families to see their pictures as soon as possible. Other than that, I help with set up, tear down, and passing out awards. These are all important tasks that are necessary for the meet to run smoothly. At the gym I have also helped with Parents Night Out, I used this event to get my Girl Scout Bronze Award, and the little kids' recital. Not that long ago, I was asked to help lead preschool classes at the gym. The ages I work with are two through five. This allows me to help little girls get their start in gymnastics, just like I did.

I am also a Girl Scout. Through the Girl Scouts I have had many opportunities to help people. On Memorial Day I was able to go to the National Cemetery in Dayton. There I was able to put the flags on the graves of the soldiers. When selling Girl Scout Cookies, we are given the option to ask for donations to the military. Instead of making my goal how many I sell the last two years I have been seeing how many I can get donated. Last year I was able to get over a hundred boxes donated to the military. By doing this I am showing my support for those fighting for my country. I am also a Program Assistant (PA) at the day camp I go to every summer. I spend a week helping the adults put on this camp for the younger kids' enjoyment. I have a lot of fun working with the kids.

Finally, I have a friend who has been my gymnastics teammate since I started competing. She has had a really hard life. Her mother has always been really sick. A few years ago, her parents got divorced. Her mother now lives in Indiana and my friend does not get to see her very often. Her father remarried a woman who was great for her and her brother. Her brother has diabetes and this woman was very good at making sure he took his medicine. They got divorced a little less than a year ago. A couple of months ago my friend's grandfather died. This had a large impact on my friend. For the last two years her father has been unable to pay for her to compete. This causes my friend to feel left out and like she does not have anything to work for at practice. Knowing she felt this way I have tried to do anything I can to make her feel better. During one practice she was looking at music on my coaches' phone, and she found some music she really enjoyed. After much persuading, I got my coach to agree to let her use the music and allow me to choreograph her routine. With the help of my teammates she now has a floor routine that is ready to compete. Some of the other parents are pitching in and helping to pay, so hopefully she will be able to compete in our home gymnastics meet. She was so excited when she finally had a finished routine. I am glad I was able to make her happy. I hope to continue to help in my school and community.