

Evan Mescher – Immaculate Heart of Mary – The Summit Country Day School

The students at The Summit and Immaculate Heart of Mary are privileged, and as Jesus said, “To whom much is given, much is expected”. Both schools provide many service opportunities to help give back to the community. I realize I am fortunate and am committed to being the best person I can be and helping others.

The service activity I enjoy most is helping my dad with the Knights of Columbus parish monthly breakfast. We arrive early to prepare food in the kitchen and set up the dining area. Before and after the 9:30 mass, we help serve the food and make omelets at the omelet station. We then clean up after everyone leaves. I also volunteer with him at other Knights of Columbus functions as often as I can. It makes me feel good to help my parish and be part of an organization that promotes service and community.

I’m also involved with other service activities at Matthew 25 ministries. At IHM, I was a student ambassador and helped plan school gatherings, led the annual rosary rally, and organized other events. I also volunteer at IHM summer festivals, fish fries and school/sports events.

I go to Cincinnati Children’s Hospital about four times a year to have endoscopies, biopsies and to meet with doctors for my eosinophilic esophagitis. Each time I go to Children’s, I see children and families who are dealing with life threatening conditions. It helps me put my chronic disease in perspective and be thankful for my health. Seeing these families also makes donating to Children’s, participating in research studies, and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House rewarding. It is great to see the Aubrey Rose Foundation also contributing to bettering the lives of sick children and helping their families.

My family also sponsors two Haitian children, we send money, backpacks, school supplies and clothing and have learned that they live on very little compared to us. My grandma visited Haiti and met with the girls we sponsor, and she told me about their homes and daily lives. Without our assistance, they wouldn’t have an education or even enough food to eat. I’m glad we are able to help them have better lives.

Volunteering has taught me to appreciate the life I have and to think about what is most important in life. I’ve learned that sometimes something that seems small to me can have a big impact on someone else. And it is always feels great to help someone else.

I plan to use both my time and talent to positively contribute to my high school community in a similar way that I have contributed during grade school. I intend to be the best classmate and friend that I can be to everyone. Thank you for considering me for the Aubrey Rose scholarship.