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Whether it is at home or at school I try my hardest to consider everyone around me. I play a team sport, so I know that it is important to work well and encourage others no matter what. I know that one small action can really have influence in someone's day. So, when I get the chance, I try my hardest to make that difference. It doesn't matter who it is that needs encouragement. I will always try my hardest to improve the world around me for myself and others.

I come from a close family that goes beyond blood to include my neighbors and people at church. A few years ago, before covid my family and I did the walk for MS for my mother. She was diagnosed with MS before I was born so we always did it when I was younger. Other than my mother my aunt had breast cancer. One year we did the Breast Cancer walk with her. It was a terrific way for people to come together and fight for a cure. I also have amazing neighbors. Their daughter had congenital heart disease. I had a great idea, so around her birthday I made a card for her and had everyone in my class sign it. Then after she had passed her family started Red 4 Riley. They started this to tell people their daughter's story. They spread this news by painting rocks, and when they travel, they leave them in random places for more people to find. Some of the rocks have made it extremely far and are still on the move right now. So, I thought it would be a cool idea to paint some of my own rocks for them and they could hide them wherever they traveled. It was exciting to do so I also painted hid some rocks in Myrtle Beach as well a few other places along the way.

I love little kids! They are so funny and adorable, so I love when it is my turn to do children's church. Every other week we go to my dad's church, and it is so fun. Ever since I can remember I have gone to children's church, so now that I am old enough to help run it, I take every chance I can get. Every week we talk about a new bible story and do fun games or other activities. As a kid I loved hearing and reading about new things, so my dad's church got involve with a non-profit organization, Side by Side. Side by Side collects donated books to give to children that can't afford them, so I volunteer any time I can. Books are very important for younger kids to expand the imaginations and to learn about the world around them. It is nice to know that I am giving a child this opportunity by donating, cleaning, and organizing books. I have even helped hand out books at the Northwest Local School District (NWLSD) Health and Safety Fair and a few other free books give aways. It was a fantastic way to help kids and make new friends in the process.

I also try to do my part at school. We even have a club we can take as one of our specials classes that lets us raise money for non-profit organizations. Last year, when I was in seventh grade, I joined Magnified Giving for the first time. That year my group and I made it to the final presentation in front of the school. We were representing an organization called A Kid Again. Sadly, we didn't win but we thought it was a great accomplishment that we made it to the last round. It was such a fun experiment that I decided to do it this year. I hope we make it to the final round again and maybe win this

time. We also had a Kindness Project last year as another club. We performed a kindness rap in front of the younger grades. Some of the classes even tried to rap with us. It was a fun time and I made new friends in the process.

Every year in religion class we write letters to the Elderly. We mostly did this during covid when they couldn't get out because of health risks. I thought it was a great way to show people that they are cared for. It was fun to do because sometimes the person we wrote to would write back to us and ask us questions. I have at least 3 or 4 letters from the people I have written to. We would always write to them during the holidays including Easter and Halloween. We would come up with funny dad jokes to tell them also. I hope we can do this again this year!

I also have a great relationship with my friends. Whenever they need something I am always the person they text or call. I am so happy that I can be there for them so they have someone they can rely on. And even though most of my older friends are going separate ways I will still be there when they want me to be. Most of the things I tell them helps which in return makes me feel better.

I always try to help meet the needs of others and be a shoulder to lean on for anyone. I hope that I can still be involved in the helpful work around me, so I can be happy for what I have. While I am in high school and beyond, I hope to continue all that I am doing now and more.