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T. Harv Eker once said, "Energy is contagious. You can either affect people or infect people." I do my best to encapsulate the meaning of this quote by striving to live as a servant of others. After hearing about Aubrey's impactful story, I am inspired to live each day to the fullest. I do my absolute best to push myself in my school, home, and religious life by doing little acts of kindness every day within the areas of service, leadership, faith, kindness, and scholarship. In the area of service, I push myself to be a good citizen in my private life and in the community. I volunteer for the school secretary by coming in during recess to help clean, organize, and make our school a better place. I am always willing to assist my teachers wherever needed, and they call upon me often for assistance. I help my community by exceeding my required service hours for NJHS. I have helped at organizations all over the city, such as the Aubrey Rose Foundation, Mathew 25 Ministries, and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. In my time serving for Aubrey Rose, such as in the British Car Show, I have learned truly about what this organization stands for. It has been great seeing all of the amazing leaders and recipients who make our society a better place! I take on a natural leadership role within my school and extracurricular life by getting involved in many clubs, such as Blaze, NJHS, Academic Team, and News Team. However, school is not the only place I exhibit my leadership qualities. I have been on Seton Dance teams for seven years now, but I have been dancing since I was two years old! Dance is one of the most influential areas of my life because it allows me to be my authentic self, and pushes me to be a better athlete and person. As an eighth grader, my teammates look to me as a role model and leader. I naturally take on this role by exuding my passion for the sport into encouragement and advice for my teammates, which has allowed our team to flourish in bonding and skill. In faith, I've been working hard to get closer with the Lord and be more open-minded. Prayer has helped me become more secure in my faith and has led me to feel more at ease in my life. In the area of kindness, I try to be the best version of myself for others. My involvement in school and dance has helped me be a better friend and ally to my peers. I have a big sister relationship with the girls on my dance team, and I always try to support them. Within the realm of scholarship, I push myself immensely academically, and put my education at a high priority. My drive and passion for school, clubs, and dance has allowed me to be successful. My involvement in these numerous activities has allowed me to explore my core values, and help me to be the best I can possibly be, just as the Aubrey Rose Foundation is every day.