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“How I’m Impacting My Community”

My mother always said that making a beneficial impact on one person can forever change their life for the better. In fact, I remember as a young child arriving home from school and being asked, “What I did kind.” I would typically respond along the lines of, “I held the door open for someone.” Although small, I soon realized that it was those simple endeavors that kindled my now burning passion for helping others.

National Junior Honors Society is the first way I help my community. This is a school-wide association in which students on the honor roll can participate. Our mission is to help our community and school through volunteering. For example, at my school we have a pantry for the families who are financially challenged. As an NJHS member, I have aided them by going to the pantry on a select few Mondays and making lunches for the week. Although this does not take long to do, I recognize the utmost importance of giving my time for those students.

The second way I volunteer is through Single Momms. Our mission is to spread the love of God through volunteering. We watch their children while they get some much-needed time off, and every moment spent with them is memorable and enjoyable. Learning about the difficulties some of them face at such a young age is heart-wrenching, but I use their hardships to build relationships. For example, while there I met a young girl of age 9. She has a disability, but

is still the sweetest young lady I have ever met. Unfortunately, she recently lost her mother to terminal cancer, so she no longer goes to Single Momms. Luckily for me, I still get to see her every day at my school. Even after going through all that, she is still a sunbeam of joy. In fact, every time I see her she runs into my welcoming embrace. I believe I have made a great impact on her life, and she on mine.

In conclusion, my goal is to make a difference, whether it be in one person's life, or ten thousand people's lives. I want to continue to use my time to volunteer for my community. As Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "The time is always right to do what is right."