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Everyone has a passion that makes them who they are. My passion is servicing others. I get satisfaction from making others around me happy. Doing this made me realize my want to become a teacher in the near future. During my lifetime, I have serviced through fund-raising events, nursing homes, and day camps. My passion is nothing short of important.

Volunteering at Life Care Center of Estero has been one of my biggest accomplishments in effecting lives. I have dedicated at least every Saturday since my eighth grade year to the nursing home. One of my duties here consists of visiting residents who don't have family to confide in. I read to them, bring them things they might need, or just simply be an ear to listen to their stories or concerns. I also serve ice cream in their ice cream parlor to the residents. When I am not doing those things, I help to special events the nursing home holds, as well as bringing gifts for every holiday for all the residents.

Working with children is another part of my volunteer duties. I am a junior day camp counselor at LOMF day camp at Lamb of God church. In doing this, I assist in everyday activities, plan events, and basically just lend a helping hand. Whenever needed, I help as best as I can. But the biggest duty I have, is being a positive role model for the kids.

Finally, I assist in various fund-raising events. Relay for Life has been one of the biggest fund-raising events I have contributed in. For Relay for Life I went fund-raising, collecting money for every lap I walk. I also helped with running a booth where we sell food, or little things to help raise more money for the cause. I also participated in things such as Bikers for Babies, Chili Cook-Offs, Salvation Army Drives, and whatever else I



can get my hands on.

Volunteering and helping others is what makes me who I am. I am known for my abilities to assist in anything I can. Whether it's the nursing home, fund-raising activities, or being a junior day camp counselor, I will always be there to help whenever I can. And I do hope to pursue my dreams in becoming a teacher, so I can continue to service through the students as well.

