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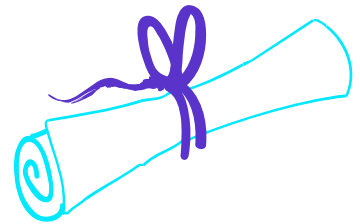
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Throughout my high school career, I have become increasingly aware of the immense value of community service. I have played an active role in almost every event sponsored by my school and taken the initiative to involve myself in several other volunteer projects. However, the importance of community service was established in my mind many years ago. My mother is a teacher and my father is a retired detective for the City Naples, so I grew up with the idea that helping the people around me is essential. With this influence in my life, I was driven to become an active and valuable member of society.

Although I participated in several volunteer projects with my church throughout elementary school and middle school, it wasn't until I reached high school that I was able to decide how exactly I wanted to serve my community. I began volunteering at the Shelter for Abused Women and Children in the summer of 2006 and continue to work at Options Thrift Shoppe, benefiting the Shelter, today. Working with children and helping at the actual Shelter was extremely rewarding, but I had found my niche at Options. Every Saturday I looked forward to meeting my fellow volunteers and our customers, collecting donations from members of the community, and completing the daily tasks that kept both Options and the Shelter in operation.

My positive experience with the Shelter for Abused Women and Children encouraged me to continue my community service at North Collier Hospital. As a volunteer at the hospital, I work in Human Resources, Nourishment, Transportation, and at the reception desk. While I am happy to do anything that needs to be done at the hospital, my favorite task is to visit every room on my assigned floor to offer crackers and juice, or simply to lift the spirits of the patients



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Although I spent a significant amount of time volunteering for the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and North Collier Hospital, I have also become extremely involved in service projects sponsored by my school. As the vice president Model United Nations at Gulf Coast High School, I helped to organize a campaign to raise money to ameliorate the conditions of refugees in Uganda. My most significant contributions have been through National Honor Society, which is primarily a service organization. As Treasurer of the Gulf Coast Chapter, I am responsible for identifying events for the club and fundraising. I have organized and participated in several school projects such as an open house for parents, tutoring at lunch, and Adopt a Family, as well as affairs involving the entire community such as reading symposiums and Relay for Life.

As an officer in National Honor Society, I must encourage every member to contribute to our community. I am required to lead by example and completely involve myself in service projects that truly benefit the people around me. My aspirations to positively impact my community continue to grow due to the influence of my parents, teachers, and peers as well as my positive experiences. My volunteer experience exceeds school and church activities and involves independent non-profit organizations such as the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and North Collier Hospital.

