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Our Lady of Grace

Hi, my name is Kendra Fry. I am an eighth grade student at Our Lady of Grace. I am originally from Assumption School for grades kindergarten- sixth grade. Next year, I plan on attending McAuley High School. I try to give back to my community all that I can. I have started my service at a young age and have grown up knowing that service is something we all should do. It gives you such a great feeling to be able to help someone less fortunate than you. It makes you feel accomplished for helping someone and doing a good deed.

My family and I go down to the Ronald McDonald House four times every year. We have done this for the past six years, since I was in the second grade. We make the deserving families and patients a good home cooked meal at their "home away from home". While the adults are making the meal, my younger cousins play bingo with the patients and their siblings. We have prizes that we buy with our own money and bring for them to win. These prizes range from bubbles, coloring books, stuffed animals, to racecars. We hope these will brighten their day and take their mind off of being in a hospital setting for just a little while. I am put where ever we need the most help. I am usually making the food, or on the serving line to fill the plates with the food the families want. I try to smile at all the people going through the line to brighten their day, even though some don't speak English, everyone understands what a smile means.

I was also a member of the Assumption Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. We did many service projects such as: PTO Babysitting, Operation Easter Bunny (collection of goods, toiletries, and luxury items for the soldiers overseas), Prescription Bottle Collection, Wetland Clean Up, Pop Tab Collection, and many more. One of the most memorable projects I was lucky enough to take part in was the Light Up Our Lives Award. I got to help choose who in our lives deserved recognition for making an impact in our life.

I am also an altar server for Assumption Parish. I work at the Assumption Parish Festival over the summer every year, and when I attended Assumption School, I would go and sing for the elderly at Parky's Farm. I also have helped stock the Mt. Healthy branch of St. Vincent DePaul Society food pantry. I have collected, donated, and sorted cans and food into sections and bags for families to come and pick up. I had been chosen to give, write, and present a Chapel Talk this past December. I gave a speech in front of grades 5-8 about a topic of my choosing. I chose to give my Chapel Talk on service. It was an honor to be able to talk to my fellow peers about something that I enjoy and love doing very much. I hope that I impacted and touched each one of them. Over the summer, I help out at Mt. Healthy pool volunteering, to help the little kids with their swim lessons.

I try to help as many people I can, especially my family and friends. I always try to be there for them, and always encourage them to do the best of their abilities. Even if I am having a bad day, I will go out of my way and try to help them and at least send a smile their way to brighten their day and all those around them.

I'm a babysitter for my family, and my neighbor's. I have tried to babysit my neighbor's children, but three of the boys were autistic, and the other boy was a toddler. They were too much for me to handle by myself but at least I tried to help her out.

I am going to continue helping those in need and hope to make an impact on all the lives that I meet. I am looking forward to attending McAuley High School and furthering my service on a wider level.