

I am always trying to be the best person I can be. So I am always trying to live my life to my full potential. I want to be a great person to everyone I meet and I try to live by the Golden Rule. Below is a poem that I try to live by and I think Aubrey tried to live by it too:

Smile Life by Anonymous

Smile to morn, smile whole day.
Smile to life, life will smile
Smile to enemy, friend may be next
Smile to stranger, familiar for ever
Smile in sorrow, joy comes next
Smile to world, world will smile.

Smile to all without any coast
Smile for you, smile for all.
Give a smile, you get a smile
Smile, smile, and smile for a smiling life.

I am working on the Marian Award for Girl Scouts. My troop and I had to complete fifteen service hours to earn the Marian Award. We did our service hours at Holy Family's Food Pantry during the summer. We handed out water to clients and sometimes when it was really hot we would hand out popsicles. Occasionally, we would help out in the back and separate food and put them in bags.

The best part of working at the pantry was putting a smile on someone's face and making his or her day special. It made them happy that someone was thinking about them. Working at Holy Family's Food Pantry inspired me to start my own project for the pantry.

The project I started was a Christmas Cookie Drive for Holy Family's Food Pantry. I thought this would be a nice way to bring Christmas cheer to those who can't

afford to have a special Christmas. I sent flyers through my school and I asked people to drop off Christmas cookies at my house on December 13 (attached to the last page is a green piece of paper, which is my flyer that I sent through my school). With my three hundred cookies, that I baked, including generous donations I packaged about one hundred boxes, each fitting about eight, nine, or maybe ten cookies!

The next day I left school early so I could hand out the packaged cookies to the clients at the pantry. People were so thankful and happy. I think some people were so surprised that I would do that for them. Some people just smiled and others just said thank you. But no matter what their response was my heart was smiling because I knew that I was doing something great: something great for other people. It is always a sad time for me when I help at the pantry but it also makes me very thankful about what I have and what my parents provide for me.

I felt like I was making a difference in their lives. By smiling and saying, "Merry Christmas," I felt that I was giving people a better and happier Christmas. I know cookies didn't change their life but it might have given them a moment where they just enjoyed the cookies and forgot about their worries. I hope they saw that I cared about them and that I was trying to bring sunshine to their day. I am so happy I carried out my idea and that it turned out to be such a success.

Christmas Cookie Drive

For Holy Family's Food Pantry

On **Sunday, December 13**, please
drop by any Christmas Cookies
at

1474 Colonial Drive

Between **1:00 PM- 5:00 PM**.

All cookies will be packaged
and donated to

Holy Family's Food Pantry

to be handed out to clients.

All donations are very
appreciated. **Thank You!**

Call **Tricia Cavanaugh** at

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if you need a **Pick Up** or
Have Questions.