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## Our Lady of Victory

When I think back on all the things I have accomplished throughout my life, I am proud of the way I am able to make people smile. When I was little my mom told me I always know a way to put a smile on someone face and I think that's true. Whenever someone was depressed or gloomy I could always make him or her smile just by being silly. Throughout my life I have touched many people's lives. I think I have the impact on the lives of the people around me. Almost two years my grandma died of a sudden heart attack. It was a very sad day for my whole family especially my grandpa. He didn't know how to do anything around the house. He has also gotten a hip replacement, which makes it very hard for him to do the easy things around the house and that's where I come in. Every since that day I have gotten the responsibility of helping him doing yard work around the house and most things that he is not able to do. This has brought us so much closer too.

Like Aubrey Rose I live everyday with a smile on my face. As I become older I have been given more responsibilities at home at school and outside the classroom. Another way I help people is just going to school. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student I am one of the leaders of our school that the little kids look up to. Everything I do at school I set an example for students younger than me. When I was a little kid I always look up the eight graders and now it's my turn to set an example for some little kids.

This year I receive the sacrament of confirmation; at our school before you receive this sacrament you have to get twenty-two confirmation service hours, which means doing work around your community for no money. I have done many services this year. One of the most rewarding services I have done is I helped the Our Lady of Victory parish by carrying boxes out to people cars with boxes of food for the holidays, and I always gave them a smile

and they returned a smile to me. This is special because people who need food can come to this parish and get food for free; so they can each have a nice holiday meal. This has taught me that I have so much to be thankful for and I wanted to return the favor by helping those less fortunate. Also that one person can really make a big difference in someone's life!

Another person's life I have influenced is my neighbor Jake. He is seven years old and just moved across the street from me about two months ago. One day I was shooting hoops when I see a little kid who I don't know carrying a basketball heading towards me. When he finally reaches me he shyly asks if he can shoot some hoops with me. I said yes and after I said that he had the biggest smile on his face and we start shooting. Ever since that day we have been friends and we still shoot hoops up to this day because it is something we both love to do.

These are just a few people I have helped throughout my life. I hope these act of kindness have brightened someone's day. I hope that people look at me and say, "hey I want to help people just the way that young man does". As long as I live my wishes are to follow Jesus Christ and make people smile. I am proud my parents are letting me go to a catholic high school; this will give me the chance to continue community service and to share smiles with the unlimited number of people I can help.

As much as I would be proud to be awarded one of the Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp scholarships, I hope that whoever does receive them, truly lives for others.