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I was ecstatic for the opportunity to apply for the Aubrey Rose Scholarship. Aubrey was an astounding child, and she has affected my life as well as others. Her small actions helping people at such a young age taught me that anyone can make a difference, no matter what age.

I have always known how important education is for a person. For me, luckily, it has always been an easy task, but for others I know it can be a struggle. That's why I tutor. Tutoring is a very rewarding way to spend my time. I usually tutor my triplet cousins, and sometimes my classmates. After I finish tutoring, the person they always have big smiles on their faces, because then they would finally understand the lesson they had learned that day. After I see that smile on the person's face it makes everything worth while.

Reading is also a big part of a person's life. When our school said they were going to renovate the library I was very happy. In our old library there wasn't a great selection of books, and the ceiling tiles were always falling down. They said they would be renovating over the summer, and it would be finished around September. I thought what a great thing to volunteer for. After the remodeling was finished, I went down to the library to help restock the shelves. The new collection of books was enormous, but there weren't many teen books for the Jr. High. The librarian asked me my opinion of the library, and I told her that it was amazing, but that it could use a few teen books. She asked me to write down a few titles that the Jr. High would enjoy. After I had finished she took the list and bought all the books I had written on the list. My classmates really enjoyed the books in the library. So much that now they read for fun, and not just for reports. The fact that my few book recommendations changed my classmates' lives so much made me feel that much greater about myself.

I feel that acts of kindness can change a person; not only the person you are helping, but also you yourself. I hope and pray that Aubrey's legacy lives on forever, one smile at a time.