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Our Lady of Victory

One of the most important things I think that you can do in your life is to smile and be cheerful in everything that you do. You can't enjoy life very much by being sad. One of the easiest ways to always keep a smile on is by doing a service for someone who can't do it themselves. I always visit my grandparents in the summer and help my grandma do yard work or hang out with my grandpa. When I was younger I remember that Aubrey's grandparents and my grandparents both used to live on a street named Morrvue. Every once in a while Aubrey's grandpa used to take Aubrey for a ride in her stroller. Our grandpas would talk for a while and my sisters and I would sit by the stroller and play with Aubrey. I was in kindergarten at the time so I don't remember everything but I do remember that when we would play with her she would sit there and smile right back at us. Her smile is what I think made the whole neighborhood fall in love with her.

In my life I have done many things to make other people smile and be happy. One of the best things that I have done is I donate my time working at the Hike for Hospice each year. Each year a few of my family members work at a charity event called the Hike for Hospice. The Hike for Hospice is a charity event where people come out and donate money and walk around a two mile course. People can also donate by buying t-shirts and chances for prizes. What my family and a few other people do is set up all of the booths, then when all of the walkers arrive we work the booths and pass out t-shirts then we take everything down. All of the money donated that day is given to Hospice. Hospice is a place where people go when they are terminally ill. The money we raise goes to helping the families of the Hospice patients so that they can afford to go there.

Something I think is great that Our Lady of Victory does every year around holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter is that they collect boxes filled with food for people who might not be able to have a meal. Last year around Easter I had the opportunity

to carry the boxes out to the people who were receiving them. These people were very nice and every one of them smiled and said thank-you to me and the other people working there that day. I think that this program Our Lady of Victory has is very nice because there is nothing better than enjoying a hot meal with your family around the holidays.

What I really would like to do with my life would be an example of service for others to follow. I would like to do that because if people donate their time we can do a lot to help others. Another reason why I would like to do that is because who ever does great deeds in their life on earth will be rewarded in heaven. I think that everyone would like to be rewarded in heaven just as I know that Aubrey is being rewarded.

The Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp Foundation is a great program. I think that it is amazing how they raise money to help others with things such as scholarships and families with children with life threatening illnesses. I would be very grateful if I were to receive a scholarship from this foundation. No matter what happens I would just like to thank Aubrey and the Aubrey Rose Foundation for being so generous to others in their time of need.