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I have made a difference in many of the people in my life. I always try to be the kindest person I can to make someone's day a little better. I try to put a smile on others' faces by having one on my own. At home, I try to help my parents with little jobs around the house to make their day easier. At school, if someone is struggling, I try to help them if possible. When I know others are sick, in the hospital, or feeling down I write cards to help cheer them up. I always try to be as polite and kind to others as I possibly can. I may be a little quiet, but I always try to help those around me with my actions.

I believe that by just being happy and having a smile on your face, you can affect someone else. I almost always smile because I try to make others happy even if I do not know them very well. I think that small gestures like this can still have a big impact on a person's day. Everyone is going through some battle in their lives even if they do not show it and I think that if they see a pure happy smile on my face it will help them, even if not for long, it is worth it. Even in my own home, I try to affect others by helping my parents with whatever they need. Sometimes I do a job for my parents, even if they did not tell me to, because I know they will appreciate that small amount of help. Whenever I do something without asking, my parents are very grateful, and it makes me feel good that I am helping make their lives a little easier. I know it makes my parents happy that there is one less chore they have to do, which makes me happy.

At school, I try to help my classmates if I see they need help with something. Sometimes they just have a small question, but I know it helps if I answer instead of them having to raise their hand for the teacher. I try to help explain something if a classmate is confused and the teacher is busy. I know that it makes their lives much easier and happier if they understand what they were doing wrong. When I know others are sick, in the hospital, or feeling down I try to write cards to help them feel a little better. I'm sure receiving a get well soon card lights up their day and helps them to be in brighter spirits. When someone is going through pain, it can be tough, but I believe that receiving a card can help them get through it a little easier by just thinking about the kind gesture, no matter how small.

Even though the effect that I leave on someone's life might seem little, I feel that we both will remember it, and looking back on it will make them just as happy as they were the first time around. I may not be perfect, but I will always try my absolute hardest to affect someone's life in the best way. At my age, there is not much I can do to change the world, but helping others is definitely a starting point. I think that I am making a difference in people through the little things I do for them to make their lives easier and happier. I believe that through my actions and words I have helped others to feel better. I feel that no matter how small a deed is, it still affects someone else's life and makes their day a little brighter.

