

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin”- Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa has always wanted to help others. She has been a person I have aspired to be like in my daily life. You should try to serve others and help them like there is no tomorrow. I am trying to live my best life possible for me and for God. My mother has also served as a great role model for me. She demonstrates for me what being selfless is, but she knows how to still smile and have fun while she is doing it. She has always been there to help me and others by organizing meals to be brought to the Welcome House, getting life’s necessities for King’s Crossing, and setting up cereal drives for homeless shelters. My mom is so kind and I truly want to be like her when I am a parent. My parents have raised me to have Christian values and teach me to live life to the fullest. I am truly blessed to be a part of the Armbruster family.

One day, last summer, I had the opportunity to volunteer at Mary Rose Mission. Cindy Carris was the amazing woman who started the Mary Rose Mission. She is also another person who embodies God in her daily life. Normally you have to be 16 to work there, but I had the opportunity to help when I was 13. It was a life changing experience for me. I got to see what it was like for people who have struggled their entire lives and are trying to make a change for themselves and for God. These people were amazing to talk to and I loved meeting the people who worked there weekly. The place has such a great environment to volunteer in and I definitely would do it again.

I have also brought some bags filled with various items to Kings Crossing, an organization started by the Welcome House. We did this service project with the help of my Mom’s Facebook friends. She posted that we were going to do a service project for hygiene products and the result was amazing. We received shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, makeup products, deodorant, etc. We were able to donate about 30 bags to Kings Crossing. The people were very grateful and they were very happy to see all these items brought to them. This is the reason why I like to do service for others. Its not because my school makes me, but I do it because it makes others feel better.

One day my Mom and I were wondering what our next service project should be. We came to realize that breakfast was the most important meal of the day, so we figured we should collect easily made breakfast items. We collected cereal, muffins, and oatmeal. We have done this twice and we ended up with amazing results, as usual. We collected 70+ cereal boxes, along with other breakfast items. We donated these to the Welcome House. I have also made deserts for the Welcome House and the Parish Kitchen. These organizations will always need more things donated because they do not get any money from the government, since they are Christian organizations.

In conclusion, I think there is always the opportunity to do service for others, no matter how busy your schedule is. You should always try to help other people who are less fortunate because it is the right thing to do. Have you ever heard of someone saying the regretted doing service for somebody? I certainly haven’t. I want to make 2018 a year where I continue to volunteer and try to be the best version of myself because in the long run it will be better for me and everybody else.