MY GRANDPA

My grandpa gives food to the poor. He gives money to churches. He helps old people at the asylum in Mexico. There he shaves and showers the gentlemen, spends time talking with them. He helps the nuns preparing and serving the meals. Sometimes he helps as interpreter from English to Spanish when people visit the asylum. He works in the asylum for free. Once he helped build a church. I can’t wait to grow up to help people just like him.

1ST PLACE K-2
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This is student work, transcribed as the student presented it.
I’ve chosen to write about my Dad because he’s a good example of leadership through service. One way my dad shows leadership through service is volunteering at church. Another way my dad shows leadership is coaching our teams. My dad tries doing the right thing so he can be a good example to others.

At church my dad volunteers by teaching 4th-6th grade every Sunday. This is important because he teaches the kids about God. My dad also helps the pastor with projects at church. Although my dad has a job he still serves at church.

Another thing my dad does to serve others is coaching soccer and football. I’m happy that my dad gives us his time to coach our team. My dad helps kids by coaching soccer and football.

As a leader my dad tries to do the right thing by helping others as well. For example my dad gave a homeless man his shoe, because the man only had one and he needed it. Another time we went to the park to give homeless people some food. My dad also provides for our family. When we make mistakes my dad tries to show us how to fix it.

I’m writing an essay about leadership through service and doing the right things to show a good example I think my dad shows leadership through service.
This is my Grandma. My Grandma has a happy smile on her face. My Grandma is kind. She is patient as she waits for the other person to be done.

She helps people read in English. She says the word, then the people repeat it. They know how to speak but do not know words. She taught me to read some words. She is wonderful. If she was not here, some people would never learn to read or write in English. She touches my heart in love.
LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

My grandpa shows leadership through service. My grandpa shows leadership through service by giving disabled kids wheelchairs. Also he helps disabled people find jobs.

My grandpa has been giving wheelchairs to people around the world for many years. He has helped over one hundred thousand people. Now that the children have wheelchairs they can go to school. The wheelchairs let Moms and Dads go to work. It gives them hope, dignity, and opportunity.

He helps disabled people find jobs. He works with business people to get jobs for the disabled. Grandpa helps them develop work skills. My grandpa works with church people so the disabled people can go to church.

My dream is to help disabled people. I want to give wheelchairs to people too. I want to go around the world to help. When I grow up I’ll be just like my grandpa.
In the world, a lot of children need a foster home or family. I was one of them. I think Jason Santiago exhibits leadership by helping foster kids.

Jason has been a foster parent for a long time. He helps kids without homes or families. He’s nice to us by giving us a home. He also gives encouragement to others. One time when I couldn’t pass my math test, he encouraged me to do well on it. After that, I actually passed it.

Jason has adopted two foster kids. Their names are Kydean and London. With them, he is never lonely. They are my brothers. They are 3 and 6. When Jason first met them, Kydean was a newborn and London was 3. They really enjoy living with him.

Jason supported my little sister and I a lot by helping us get adopted. We were adopted into two different families. My little sister’s family lives in Illinois. My family is very nice. Since then, I have been very happy in my adopted family.

Jason has influenced me in many ways. I want to adopt kids like him. I also want to run an orphanage for the homeless. I think he is a good example of a great leader!
My friends and I show leadership through service. We found a way to feed orphans in Chikudzulire, Africa.

Our goal was to feed 1500 orphans in Africa. We knew children in Africa were very hungry. We knew it was important to do this. It can make their lives better.

Cheyenne a friend from Bios and I sold popcorn and hot cocoa in front of a Christmas lights on a neighbor’s house. We first set up the stand. Second we made the food. Third we put up the sign. We got lots! and lots! lots of people!

We raised $380 dollars. We fed 9.5 orphans. That money fed 9.5 orphans for two meals a day for one whole year.

I learned that you can make a change in just one step. I am hoping to do it next Christmas and raise even more money!
Elisa had a passion for mariachi. They decided to have a foundation called the Elisa Gastellum Memorial Foundation. The foundation gives away scholarships to 16 year olds and older, who participate in mariachi. They present the scholarships at the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference. The scholarships not only help their education, but it helps them in the future because they can achieve what they want to do. They have two fundraisers to raise the money for the scholarships, a memorial walk in the spring and a golf tournament in the summer.

They also have a support group called Footprints Forever on our Hearts. It’s for those who have lost a child. It helps those parents to know that they are not the only ones this has happened to. It also helps them come out of depression.

In order to get the word out they go to parties, sponsor different occasions, and just talk to people.

My grandma and grandpa help people in so many different ways.
The Help

One day my sister Sarah and I were watching a commercial about people in Nicaragua who need more food, water and clothes. My sister Sarah felt really bad, so she got an idea on how to help those people. The next day she asked 2 friends if they can help and they agreed and they later had a fundraiser and raised about $180. The next afternoon she and her 2 friends went shopping and bought 42 boxes of bottled water, 92 cans of food, and 110 t-shirts, shorts, and socks. A few hours later she bought boxes and put all the things she bought into those boxes and placed them in her van, and drove to feeding America Company. Sarah later received a certificate. The next day she received a call from the company saying that the shipping was a success and they are hoping that she would do it again for another country, then Sarah got an idea that she would do it again.

The next week she did it again but for another country and received another certificate. My sister Sarah kept doing the same thing everytime she saw a commercial that people need for food, water and clothes. My sister then started to receive $20 back everytime she purchases things for the people. Sarah received a lot of awards for helping people and taking her time for doing this. Sarah later joined the feeding America group because of her work. How Sarah changed people lives is she spend most of her time on the people, and her time to get people what they needed. It especially changed their lives when she bought more water every 2 weeks and canned food, and clothes also. The things Sarah bought helped them be hydrated, healthy, and fully dressed because of the clothes she bought for them.
GRACIOUS GRANNY

Granny makes a difference, by accomplishing what she loves.

Granny makes it count, by assisting those in need.

Granny works hard all day, to provide for the Verde Valley Women’s Shelter.

Granny makes an effort, dwindling none of her time.

Granny has employment at the thrift shop, where “donations are gladly accepted.”

Granny helps hard-working everyday women, whether they are abused or just need a place out of harms reach.

Granny has volunteers, they assist her whenever help is sought!

Granny supports the Shelter, by running a thrift shop to benefit those in need.

Granny makes life easier, Especially for abused women and children.

My Granny makes me feel special, just knowing I can look up to her for guidance!

I love my Granny for making an impact not only in my life but additional lives as well!
THE ULTIMATE INFLUENCE

Envision your life years from now, at an old age, reflecting the life you have lived and how it has turned out. How would you like to be remembered? What changes did you make upon the lives of others during your short time on Earth? Though heroes are thought to make the largest, most well-known changes throughout society, many of the best heroes create a massive effect on the lives of those close to them in small communities.

Every morning, my grandmother slowly walks over to the bright calendar hanging over the black, boxed television and checks what she has planned for the day. The agenda is filled with plans each day, such as, “volunteer at the middle school” or “help serve lunch to the nursing home”. Every day she gives to the community, not expecting a single gift in return. Some days, she brings groceries to her neighbors or helps her friends with their errands for the day. As a married woman, my grandmother enjoys her time volunteering and enhancing the community, not realizing the impact she is causing for the entire community. Everyone adores and respects her, for she is kind hearted and compassionate towards others. Each day she makes a small difference in the community that aids the society as a whole. For years she has been doing the same routine and brightening the days of others.

My grandmother is only known throughout her community, but her support delves deeper than this. She has encouraged people of all ages to give back to society and share smiles and love. Her small acts of kindness radiate with positive energy towards even the grumpiest of people and create a positive setting for herself and others. Whenever I visit her, she reminds me the only way to make a difference is to start by small steps.
Martin Luther King Jr. believed life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’ Sophie never thinks twice about lending a helping hand to another person. She has been a part of multiple community service trips and is a huge inspiration for me. Being squished into tiny seats for 19 hours is commendable on its own but the reason for the trip to Africa was much more inspirational. Sophie explained stories about how she saw barefoot children walking the dirty red gravel looking for shelter. In the orphanage, Sophie checked the hearing of newborn children all the way up to teenagers living there. She explained to me about how hard it would be to have hearing disabilities your whole life and never being diagnosed. Giving hundreds of children a sense of hearing made the trip to Africa worth it for my role model. She gave out hearing aids and gave information to the children who needed more extensive procedures. They touched Sophie’s heart by how appreciative they were when she was assisting them. Sophie explained how looking into the eyes of these poor children is one of the hardest things she had to do while staying in Ethiopia. Staying in such a poverty stricken country was hard for her but the trip paid off in the end. When she had down time in Africa, Sophie chose to go visit an AIDS orphanage bringing them toys and games to play. Still to this day this trip is the most memorable for her, and I am so glad I get to call her my big sister.
A leader is someone who demonstrates courage, bravery, and initiative to help others around them. The one person who best fits this definition is Annie Altizer. Before I moved from Texas to Arizona, I remember playing soccer with her and watching as she scored three goals in our last soccer game together. Only a few years later, Annie was walking across her bedroom when suddenly she collapsed to the ground, paralyzed from the waist down at the age of 13. She was rushed to the hospital and diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis (TM), a disease that attacked her nervous system. There was little hope for her ever walking again.

After many months of ongoing physical therapy and treatments, Annie took her first steps. She went back to school in a wheelchair, but through pure determination and an optimistic attitude, Annie began coaching a children’s soccer team and also became a trainer for the girls’ high school varsity soccer team. Later, she was interviewed twice on local news shows, which broadcasted her miraculous achievements and efforts in fighting TM. Most recently, Annie raised $40,000 for the TM/MS clinic. She plans to walk 1K in under 20 minutes for the Red Balloon fundraiser, with all proceeds going to TM research. She hopes to raise enough money to find a cure for TM, and reverse all the effects this disease has caused. Throughout this entire struggle, Annie’s thoughts have been focused on doing everything she can to raise awareness and find a cure for this disease. Her determination and bravery not only inspire others around her, but also demonstrate why she is such a great friend.