

### Stephanie

Stephanie went to Africa. She talked and prayed with people she met. She gave them free haircuts and helped them in many ways. She's gone to Africa twice.

Stephanie helps the homeless. She serves them meals. She gives them free haircuts at our church. Stephanie takes time to talk and listen to people. She does all these things at least twice a month. I think Stephanie is a great leader! She loves to serve others in many ways, no matter what color their skin is.

My friend Stephanie is saving money right now to go on another trip over seas to help people in need. She always looks forward to helping people know matter what they need. She would like to move to another country and live so she can help people more. She wants to make a difference in many peoples lives.

I think Stephanie is a great role model for all people. I want to be like Stephanie when I get older. She is a great leader! She is caring and kind to all people no matter where they live or where they come from. I am happy to have a friend like Stephanie.

Miriah Montoya, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Franklin Northeast, Mesa

### My Family

My family made hygiene kit's. Grams gathered soap, towels, combs. Uncle Trym is a dentist. He got toothbrushes and toothpaste. We met at Grams house on Thanksgiving. We put together the kit's. We sent them to Humanitarian Services for people in earthquakes and other disasters. We took them over there and gave the kit's to all the people that were in the earthquakes and other disasters. Plus I 'm sure they liked them. I love to make hygiene kit's.

Brooke Shinkle, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Franklin Northeast, Mesa

### My Grandpa is Special

My Grandpa helps peple by getting things like coloring books, balls, food and toys. When he gets to Mexico he gives the things that he brought to the poor people. The kids liked the things that he has given them. They liked learning how to ride bikes. They like to color in their coloring books. The kids liked to kick the balls. My Grandpa was in the coast guard. He served his country. He saved people from drowning. I hope that I could be like Grandpa some day.

Brady MacLay, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Franklin Northeast, Mesa

### The Greatest Living Example

My dad is the best example of service I know. His name is Dan. My dad volunteers for all kinds of things and is the first to help when ever some is needed. He helps at school at church, and in his community both financially and with his time. Today I am going to tell you how my dad spends his time and its not whatching television.

My dad volunteers as a professional mentor for the robotic club at Franklin Junior High a couple of days a week, he has a degree in robotics. He also volunTERS as a Boy Scout leder and has done this over a decade. He plans activties and campout to help them learn, enjoy, scouts and life that will last a life time and this only take a few hours a week of his time. My dad second job is a professional photographer though he does more wok for free then paid. He volunteers to take photos for festivals and concerts at his kid's school, many of his photos have been put in are yearbooks. My dad also is a big help to our family by talking photo for free. Last spring he took photos of my cousin the day before he whent Afghanistan, just in case. My dad also helps clean the church on Saturday mornings. He helps pack food boxes for needy families during the holiday. He is the resident bike fixer for all the kids on our street airing up ties repairing problems and adjusting seats when help is needed the kids come to him.

I think that you can see my dad does a lot of service for the community that he lives in. He helps many people and organization when ever he can. Everyone looks up to my dad., they know he will help when ever asked. I am grateful for his example what it has taught me. I love the good feelings I get when I help others. I hope that I can be a great example like him someday.

Annie Ethington, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Franklin Northeast, Mesa

### A Leader

This man is a great coach and loves kids, although, that is not what makes him special. This man is Kyle Jilghman. I worship that man because he was not just my all-star coach, Kyle Jighman is a kind, amusing, elated, brave man and whenever I am with him I learn something new.

Kyle demonstrates leadership and devotion by volunteering to coach three soccer teams and is a referee. He is a great example of a role model because he is never using bad language and always stays motivated. Everyone he meets likes him because he has a great attitude. Kyle is a hero because he is such a forceful, energetic person and is never mad or upset.

Kyle shows maturity and knows how to have fun. He is always volunteering to help people and never expects anything in return. Kyle inspired me to become a referee and now I love it. He is always open-minded about trying new things. Kyle Jilghman will always and forever be my all-star coach, a leader.

Jenah Park, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Franklin Northeast, Mesa

### My Grandma and Grandpa

My Grandpa shows a lot of leadership by service. He goes on walks all the time in the morning. When he does that, he picks up trash. He has a little utensle to pick it up. He useually gets whole bag full. He helps neighbors with poring concrete, fixing cars, and many other things. My Grandpa also gets bycycles from garage sales. He then fixes them up and then gives it to charity. My Grandma also shows leadership by service. She sews very, very big quilts at her house and gives the to poeple who don't.

My Grandma and Grandpa have shown a lot of leadership by service, which I have wrote. I based my example on them because they have shown a lot of leadership by service. Hopefully you will start and make an exange for a better tomorrow.

Tanner Payne, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Franklin Northeast, Mesa

### My Older Sister Sam

I doubt you have ever met someone as caring and helpful as my 20 year old sister, Sam! In high school, she participated in a program called, "Best Buddies", where they pair you up with a special needs person and you teach them. Sam also taught a special needs math class and tutored them, too. She also helped in a school event called, "Relay for life", where what they do is raise money for cancer, which she helped with, and it's a walk-a-thon from 5 p.m. through 6 a.m. the next day. Also, you may donate your hair so she donated, at least, more than 8 inches to "Locks of Love." For our church, she organized a retreat to Stubenville, which helped out a lot. She teaches a \*th grade class at our church. She does that every Monday. Also, Sam was a concilor member for camp. Sam has been on at least 2 retreats each year for the past 5 years. She said the most retreats would be 20. Sam can always take me to my classes and my plans.

My sister Sam puts a lot of time toward others in her life. So, have you met anyone as caring as her?

Abigail Felgemaker, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Franklin South Elementary, Mesa

### Following MLK Footsteps

Can you imagine an honors college student, with all this homework, still having time to visit a childrens' hospital once every week? How about an honors college student having the determination of selflessly giving 2-3 hours of his life to go and read books and share stories to younger kids? I know someone who has gone above and beyond this. His name is Dave Hickerman.

Dave has a special place in his heart dedicated to helping others. I say this because he has tons of homework daily and still goes to childrens' hospital to read and share stories.

Dave has been visiting the children for quite some time now. Every time I ask him about this topic, he replies, "All I'm doing is simply reading a book and talking about my life, but the impact that this has on the children is truly amazing.

Dave isn't the only one who has a fun time reading books and sharing stories with the children, the children enjoy it as well. The children are always excited when Dave comes because the children know that every time he comes, he always has an interesting book or story to share. Also, Dave visits the childrens' hospital so much that the children look up to him as a brother. Dave says that there is no better reward than seeing a smile on a child's face.

Dave has done nothing more than read books or share stories to young children, but the reward is not money or a scholarship, but happiness... the best gift of all.

What Dave does resembles the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his entire life to selflessly helping others. Also, he believed in leadership through service. I don't know about you, but I'm planning on following his footsteps.

Sanket Bhagat, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Ingleside Middle School, Scottsdale

### Local Heroes (MLK)

There are so many people who do wonderful things for amazing causes. I'm Lucky to say that my dad, Timothy Jeffries, is one of them. He has been volunteering at Make-A-Wish for several years. Make-A-Wish is a charity that grants "wishes" to kids with life-threatening diseases or serious disabilities. My dad has donated towards quite a few wishes; this puts a smile on many children's faces and makes their dreams come true. My dad also goes along with a nurse to visit the elderly. The people he visits usually are lonely and have no friends nearby. My dad will help them cheer up while the nurse tends to them. This helps these people realize that they aren't so alone after all, and that someone out there still cares.

POMC, or Parents of Murdered Children, is an organization especially close to my dad's heart. Years ago, my dad's brother tragically died. Since then, my dad has been involved with POMC to help others get through the tough situation of a loved one being murdered. He has poured his heart out helping POMC pass vital bills that help give murderers the punishment they deserve and protect the victims.

These are all wonderful things that my dad does to help others in the community. I look up to him for showing such generosity. I believe what my dad does to help people in Scottsdale is amazing and makes the world a better place.

Rachel Jeffries, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mountainside Middle School, Scottsdale

### The Man Down The Street

People say that if you love something so much you would do anything for it. My neighbor Jeff Randle showed that. With his skills and leadership he left his family, home, and job to give help, safety, and comfort to the people of Haiti.

Dr. Jeff Randle lived in Haiti for 2 years and really grew to love the country and its people. When he moved back to the states he got a degree in physical medicine and rehabilitation. In 1998, Dr. Randle help found the Healing Hands for Haiti International Foundation, which established support for rehabilitation of Haiti's disabled adults and children. They also trained over 100 clinician's in rehabilitation medicine. The thing, to me, that really shows his leadership was that he got volunteers all over the United States and Canada to help him with his foundation. In January, when Jeff heard about the earthquake, he was on the first flight down. All his clinics, except one, were destroyed by the quake. Dr. Randle and his teams worked tirelessly to re-open the remaining clinics which have provided emergency and rehabilitative care to hundreds of earthquake victims.

Jeff was someone who took responsibility with his leadership and showed great service. To me, the thing that really showed his leadership was how he got volunteers all over America to help, which showed he really cared. His service helped so many people in a desperate time of need, even his service before the earthquake helped. I feel that in a country where we are so educated, we should take that education to help and teach other countries that don't have the same opportunities we have. That was another act of service he showed.

Jeff is a great example of someone who shows leadership through service, and I know a lot of people are grateful for his leadership.

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### A Ride for Darfur

Contribution to ending conflict and genocide surpass the expectations for an ordinary college student. My family friend, Colin Casey exceeded these expectation. As a sophomore in college at Stanford University in California, he found inspiration through a classmate who walked across Sudan to find refuge and acceptance. Last year, Colin organized an event called Ride for Darfur. His goal was to complete a coast to coast bike ride across the United States. What started out as simply a good idea quickly grew into a life changing event. Together, Colin and his friend Max Magnuson raised money through donations and selling t-shirts. As the summer approached, Colin and Max spent countless hours on stationary bikes in order to prepare for their journey. On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the two men set out on their bikes in matching fluorescent outfits, and more packs strapped on their bikes than I thought was possible. Colin and Max rod approximately 60-120 miles a day for 50 days. From July to early September, the men contributed one blog a day to their website which included details about their diet, attractions, and places they stayed. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, a crowd of family members, friends, and classmates greeted Colin and Max at a park near the Pacific Ocean. Along their coast to coast trip, the men raised over \$26,000 to donate towards the conflict in Darfur. Colin Casey is truly a leader through service. His dedication to the wellness of others displays his passion for service.

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## The Future

To capture a vision of the future, one looks to the adolescents and the youth of today. The early stages of our life determine who we are and who we are going to be in the years to come. When people focus on promoting education, the lives of others flourish as a result. I know someone whose passion for a better world is helping people to succeed in their lives. She looks forward to the future, lives in the present and learns from the past. She passionately values her ideals and defends her beliefs despite the scorn of others. A young lady whose maturity and wisdom far exceeds the limitations of her age, I am proud to reveal this incredible person as my older sister. At age seventeen, she has seen much in her lifetime and knows the meaning of hard work, disappointment, and the means to prosper in life. Knowledge gained throughout her lifetime aids her in her attempt to help students. My sister always helps others in need, such as classmates and friends, seeking guidance in their times of despair. Taking time from her busy schedule of school, work, studying, and other obligations, she tutors and mentors students struggling in school. She does not charge for her services. My sister's strength envelopes the harassed, as warm blanket of security does during moments of despair and confusion. Her bubbly personality comforts those around her, especially the people she tutors. When they see how excited she is about learning, they too begin to feel the same excitement and excel in their classes. Helping people early in their life love learning, ultimately leads them through laughter, friendship, and books as they slowly progress to their fullest potential in education. I recognize her capability not from a sisterly point of view, but as a citizen in today's society. Inspiration emanates from her, affecting her peers and the students she tutors. The fate and future of the world resides with the youth of today, and from what I have seen in my sister, I feel hopeful of a bright future.

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