

SOPHIE MEINHARDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

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My uncle died several years ago of cancer. He was really caring and always had a smile on his face. When he died he left me the memory of his great kindness. When I die I want people to remember me as the person who cheered them up when they were sad and the person they had the best of times with. So, to the next generation I choose to leave my kind personality, and my loving memory.

I am building my life on firm foundations by doing helpful things for people and showing God's love to others every day. I have helped others when they dropped their books on the way to class, and I was a friend to someone who needed one. We use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us to preach the word of God when we are helpful to others even without realizing it. It is important to carry on the legacy of God by telling and showing people his unconditional love through our actions and our words.

People won't remember what we wore, or how popular we were. They will remember if we were nice, caring, loving, how we showed the love of God, and how we spoke of God's word. So, it is at the topmost of importance that we continue to carry on God's word and set an example for our descendants to make a difference.

What difference could I make? I thought about all of the people that have made a difference in the world. All of those doctors that performed miracle surgeries, all of the commercials telling people to "go green." I thought to myself, how could I ever be a doctor, or someone on TV telling people to "go green?" Then I got to thinking about all of the other people that aren't doctors or people in commercials. How do they make a difference? It occurred to me that you don't have to perform "miracles" to make a difference. Everyday differences are made at school, work, home and other places. From as small as picking up a pencil that someone dropped to being someone's friend. Sometimes a difference may not seem that important to you, but you have to remember that it might mean the world to the person you are helping. So, we need to keep on showing others how great God's love really is. We need to go out into the world and make a difference.