

# Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2015

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## An Inspiration

Hello, I am currently a seventh grader attending St. Jude School. I thought long and hard about what I should do for a selfless giving act. I wanted something that touched my heart the most in my life. I thought about what I loved most, God. God helped me decide my selfless act. I have always had very strong feelings about babies and children. *I LOVE BABIES!* When I was little, I always acted as a little mommy. My mom had a baby when I was in second grade, and I was very thrilled and excited. To this day I still am a second mom to my younger sister, I help her as much as I can. After thinking a long time I decided to help the young mom's and babies.

My aunt, Jennie, had a miscarriage four years ago. I was very upset and beside myself. I was upset because her baby was not able to experience life. A tragedy like this reminds us what a precious gift children are. It is because of this, I want to help all babies live life to the fullest. My selfless act is to help moms choose life. I can help make an impact on moms and their babies. My family and I researched pregnancy centers to help young moms and babies to choose life with help. I came across a pregnancy center named Old St. Mary's that is in Downtown Cincinnati. Why not help moms choose life when you can make an impact on their babies and how they live? I have collected one-hundred and eighty six diapers, one-thousand wipes, hundreds of infant outfits ranging from three months up to twenty-four months, two car seats, gym shoes, bottles, onesies, blankets, and books. We have donated everything you could imagine to make a mom's life easier. I wanted to do more. So I babysat my one year old cousin, Olivia and donated my babysitting money to pay for over six pounds of formula. I've donated my baby clothes and accessories, which I used to play with when I was a little 'walking mommy'. I plan on continuing to donate and collect items for the pregnancy center. There is no better gift to give than to help others in need. I am in this to help Mom's to succeed in raising happy healthy babies.

I believe that everything happens for a reason. The Meinhardt's have helped so many children, by raising awareness for pediatric brain tumors. That is why I look up to the Meinhardt family, they choose to be "better not bitter." I wanted to make a small difference in a mom's life and I think I've succeeded in my task. This activity has made me feel like a better person. It feels good to have helped someone and I plan on doing it again. I've put my life in God's hands and he will help me to live selflessly. This service has taught me how much I can do for someone who needs my help, and to remember with God everything is possible.

