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In the short thirteen years I have lived, I have had several opportunities to help others with the skills God has given me. Although none of the opportunities are huge, they still have made a big impact on others lives. Writing this essay has made me sit down and think about how I have affected others and how much I enjoy helping.

Some of the few ways that I help others is by tutoring people in math. God has given me a special ability to think math is easy. Even at a very young age I could add and subtract large numbers. I really like explaining math to someone and watching them understand it. I have also helped the homeless in my community by serving them dinner through Tender Mercies. It opened my eyes to what others lives are like. I learned that homeless people are just like regular people and they should get the same respect that all people deserve.

My favorite way that I have used my abilities to help others is through coaching younger kids in soccer and volleyball. I love everything sport related and with the patience that God has given me my coaching experience was awesome and enjoying. I was in charge of running drills, helping the head coach collect balls, and helping the coach with positioning during games.

Another sport related activity that I was looking forward to being a part of was helping special needs kids snowboard and ski and Perfect North Slopes. During my fifth grade year at St. Jude, I went to Margaret B Rost School and helped special need kids with art activities and other games. Through that experience I learned that I liked to help special needs kids. So when the opportunity came to help special needs kids with one of my favorite activities, I could never turn it down. Unfortunately, the event was canceled last year the day before the event due to weather and I was never able to help them. The event has not taken place yet this year but I look forward to being involved.

Through all my experiences I have learned that not everyone has the same abilities and that you should help others with the abilities you are blessed with. I have also learned that everyone should be treated the same way even if they have autism, a disability, different gender, and even a different skin color. I know that I haven't made a huge difference in others lives yet but every little bit counts and I look forward to the chances I will get in the future.