Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2019 Application DUE DATE: February 8, 2019

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"How has the gifts you received from God been put to use benefit of others persons?"

God has blessed me with many gifts. I use the gifts that God has given to me for becoming a guardian angel- a guardian angel to everyone. We all need help from a guardian angel at some point. Here are some of the ways that I have showed my guardian angel wings to help others.

When I was in fourth grade my friend started to realize her struggle in math. She was having trouble keeping up with her grades and was quickly falling behind. Luckily, God has blessed me with the gifts of understanding mathematics, and I was able to help my friend. My friend came up to me at the end of the day and we would work on math. I was eager to help her because I really liked math, but more importantly I wanted her to understand the material and do well. I asked her if she would like me to come over to her house and help her with math. So, I went to her house, and we worked on math. I could quickly see that my help was benefiting her and she was gaining confidence.

Going to her house made me realize she did not only struggle in math but in other subjects as well. In order to help, I asked her if she would like to read a book with me. We would read the book together by setting goals each night for how much we would read. Then we would discuss the book. Our conversations were kind of like a book club. We started by picking out three books we would be most interested in reading at the book fair together. Finally, we started to read and discuss. This "book club" helped both of us gain AR points, but most importantly improved my friend's grades, confidence, and comprehension skills.

With all this time that we devoted into learning as well as her great work ethic to want to "become better and not bitter" about grades, she was able to walk up in front of church to receive her first certificate of honor roll. While viewing her walking up, I felt joy, the joy of knowing she was proud along with her family. I also felt joy knowing that she had gained some talents from me and could very easily make a difference in someone else's life by doing the same thing I did. As I was a guardian angel to her, she will put on her angel wings to help a friend who needs encouragement in the future.

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Another time I have used my gifts towards others is when another one of my friends was struggling. My friend called me and was so happy to be showing me her new darling puppy. Then, she messaged me the next day to say that her puppy was in the hospital at a very young age. I could not imagine what was going through her mind, and I hated to see her suffer. I asked God to help my friend's puppy get well. Two days later, the puppy was finally able to come home on my birthday. I knew that God had answered my prayers for my birthday. However, the puppy had to be hospitalized the next day and eventually passed away. I couldn't imagine this grief. I decided to help her. I showed compassion for her and her puppy by letting her come and play with my puppy, because she loves being around dogs. I also helped her realize that God had a plan and her dog was safe. My friend had benefited from my talents. As to show guardian angel skills, I helped her to become "better and not bitter" about the situation.

Finally, I have been able help out at Sophie's Angel Run. When I was 9 years old, I decided with my family to receive fewer Christmas gifts and to ask my family to donate to Sophie's Angel Run in place of a physical gift. The gift I used when I did this was my generosity in giving. This act of giving helped others by providing financial support for the doctors to find a cure for brain cancer through Sophie's Angel Run. This relates to me being a guardian angel by putting others before myself.

God has blessed me with many talents, friends, and family members who have served as my guardian angels. I hope to continue to use my talents and change someone else's life. Or perhaps I will just brighten someone's day if they are having a not so great one. Thank you for the opportunity to understand how I have impacted lives by being a guardian angel, just as Sophie is to all of us, and sharing my talents!