

Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2013

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Every day in my life I have the opportunity to do God's work. I try to do nice things for everyone. Doing something nice for someone else can be the smallest little thing, yet make a big difference. I know this because when my friend Allison's house burnt down, I felt terrible for her family. We were in the fourth grade. Everyone felt so bad and I realized how fortunate I was to have my house and all my things I treasured. All of her belongings had been burned in the fire. She lost all of her clothes and clothes are something we all take for granted.

This tragedy happened right around the time of my birthday. I had just had my family birthday party and received many gift cards. Knowing how sad I would feel if this happened to me, I gave her all my gift cards and birthday money so she could replace some of her nice things. This was all my idea and I did this with no idea of any personal gain. The smile on her face told me I had done something great. I went shopping with her and her mom for her new clothes with the gift cards. My mom was very proud of me and I was proud of myself.

Even though it was very hard to give up something of my own for someone else, I knew I had done the right thing. Doing this gave me an incredible feeling that I can't get from doing anything else. I will continue to do acts of kindness for others every chance I get.