

# Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2013

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St. Jude

## The City Gospel Mission

This year Christ called on me. He gave me a mission to serve and love the poor. I carried out Christ's mission by participating in the City Gospel Mission. I carried out this mission by preparing and serving breakfast to the homeless in downtown Cincinnati.

At the City Gospel Mission I am able to help the homeless and hurting break the ways of poverty and despair one person at a time. Just by taking a few hours out of the day and preparing and serving breakfast, I can make a difference in these men and women's lives.

At the location we prepare scrambled eggs, sausage, and biscuits to serve them in the dining room. The preparation of the food was enjoyable as I made the breakfast in the kitchen at the mission. While serving I received numerous compliments such as "great job," "thank you," and my favorite, "you're doing a great thing." All of these comments made me realize that by doing something so simple, I was able to impact other's lives in a positive way. It was amazing how good it may me feel when I was the one who was supposed to be helping others. As the men and women went through the line to retrieve their food, I felt appreciated by them and by Christ himself. He knew I was acting as a true Christian and I did, too.

Not many kids my age realize that not everyone has the same luxuries as we do. We should be grateful and take the chance to help those who don't. I was grateful that I could be there to share in their celebration of Christ. I served the City Gospel Mission to grow in Christ's love and start my new mission as a Catholic and have become a better person for it. I am excited to go back and do it again and see where else this new feeling of serving others will take me. I can truly do all things through Christ who strengthens me.