

“The measure of a Life is its Service”, what a powerful quote! I have always lived by the motto of Sam Houston and have found fulfillment in helping other people. As the oldest of four children I have spent my life helping my siblings, younger kids, coworkers, friends and anyone else I can. In a lot of ways my life has always been, and will always be a life of service. I can't imagine a life for myself that is not a life lived for others.

As a kid I was a part of a group called, Plano Homeschool Volunteers. This group did many service projects from trash clean ups to helping with cleaning and organizing in shelters for abused women. With this group I got to volunteer one to two times every month. This is where I learned the importance of service for the first time. I discovered that I enjoyed being able to help other people and I never wanted to live a life without service. Sadly, this group shut down with Covid-19. However, I wanted to continue living a life of service so I started making fidget quilts for seniors in my free time which helped them with stress and fighting dementia.

When I went away to college after completing my Associate's Degree, I was navigating a whole new world at the age of 17. Despite this, I still wanted to have some aspect of service in my life, so I got a job at the food pantry on campus. While this may be a job and not a volunteer opportunity, jobs are a major part of people's lives. I get the privilege of having a job that focuses on serving others. I get to help others who may struggle with food insecurity, and be able to achieve their college dreams. I get to take that worry and stress off their shoulders and that is a spectacular opportunity.

Not only that, but I get the privilege of seeing my boss devote her life to helping others in a way that is really inspirational. She puts all of her time and energy into helping others in a way I hope to do in the future. I desire to eventually secure a job that helps people just like her. I want to be a counselor and work with the same type of people who might struggle with food

insecurity. I believe that everyone deserves mental healthcare, no matter what their finances look like.

I truly believe that, “The Measure Of A Life Is Its Service.” Many people have completed amazing service projects in their life. Lots of people will volunteer in their free time. I want to go above and beyond this. I plan to dedicate my entire life to service and helping other people. I plan for my job, hobbies and whole life to be dedicated to the service of others. Even as a young child I had a passion for helping others and that will never change.