**What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?**

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Growing up with a brother with autism, my parents were always giving their all so he could get the education he deserved. During elementary, I was always accompanying him to attend his tuitions and remedial sessions. I had always seen his struggles when trying to grasp an academic concept and his teachers being very patient to teach him the multiplication table. However, as we grew older, I’ve seen teachers giving up on him, rejecting him from attending their classes and kicking him out of tuition centers because he was not able to catch up. Since then, I believe that everyone has the right to achieve what they deserve despite of their backgrounds and disabilities.

This is also why I decided to join Streetizens, during my sophomore year. It is a community service club that aims to help less fortunate children academically. As a member of Streetizens, my role was to teach a group of students. However, it was not easy. It was only through persuasion and small games that I managed to get a girl interested in studying for her English exam, which was upcoming in a week.

The following week, she exclaimed excitedly that this was the first time she passed. She had scored 80 out of 100 and said that she finally has the motivation to be attentive during her English class. This small act might not change the world but I knew this was important for her and it changed her world. This led me to participate in the Supervised Study Program and PEACE (Psycho Educational Assessment Center of Excellence). I was recruited to be a mathematics mentor to teach middle school students with learning difficulties and to help with the development of special needs kids.

At seventeen, I may not do much as a student, and I would not pretend that I have a lot to offer, but it is my desire that everyone gets the education they deserve. By learning the building blocks of starting a business, I hope to build schools with inclusive education. By allowing special needs children to learn, it will expand their opportunities and inevitably allow us to get some insights from their world as well.