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### My Commitment to the Community

I am a firm believer that it doesn't take much to help someone out. Even if it's a little gesture, that act can greatly change a person's day for the better. Growing up, my mom had always instilled in my sister and I that being kind takes nothing out of you, it only fills you with love. As I grew up, seeing the world around me change, that notion helped me move forward and ground myself at times. Living in Ontario, I've always had the experience of harsh winters and the constant shoveling of snow. I dreaded snowfall, because the next day my sister and I had to go out and shovel the driveway in very cold weather. There were even times that, as the youngest, I would be out doing the job myself. It wasn't until we moved to a quieter neighborhood, that my mom finally decided to buy a snow blower, to make shoveling the snow easier. As I started to go out, when time for school came, I realized that most driveways were not cleared after the snow fell from the previous nights. It wasn't until I came back from school that I realized why that was the case. I ended up finding out from my mom that the neighborhood that we moved into was housed by majority elderly people. This meant that it wasn't ideal for them to be continuously removing snow from their driveway. It was then that I started to take the initiative to remove snow from my neighbor's driveway in and around the blocks.

One of the most valuable things that you can give people is your time. Due to my other extracurriculars in school, I may not have been able to volunteer and help my community as much as I wanted. I saw this as an opportunity to give back to the community that essentially paid for my education. In my district, it is the area in which my school resides that contributes to my schooling in many ways. This includes participating in festivals, performances, and any other

fundraising events that we put on. Seeing that I had a snow blower made the job easier, it didn't take much to help them clear the snow on their driveway.

If you have a way to help someone in the slightest then I feel that it is your responsibility to do something about it. Taking an extra 2 hours out of my day that I would have spent watching tv to do that, might not have seemed like much to me, but the repercussions of that decision to help others meant that people in my community who were struggling, were able to take something off their list of hardships. Undoubtedly, I think that what you give out, you receive in some form. Maybe helping someone's grandparents, can cause the universe to bring someone like me, with the readiness to help, into my mother's life in the future when she is older.