



A LIFE OF SERVICE

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"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." Ralph Waldo Emerson

This quote reminds me of my Aunt Vikki, who is my Michigan Hero. She has used her life to do good for others. She inspires me to do acts of service just like her.

One of the many organizations where she volunteers is the Kids' Food Basket in Western Michigan. She got involved after hearing a student give a presentation about the Food Basket mission. This organization provides sack meals to over 6,000 kids every day. These kids don't always have access to food at home and this group of volunteers makes sure they are fed.

My Aunt Vikki told me about this group and how she finds happiness in spreading joy to these children. She asked me to help decorate brown paper bags that could be given to the kids to add extra color to their day. I was more than happy to help since art is one of my favorite things to do. It gave me the opportunity to make someone smile by using my creativity.

I was inspired to bring the idea to my school to get as much help as possible. The entire school got involved. The staff provided designated times for students to work on the project. I then gave the bags to my Aunt Vikki to take to the Food Basket. She taught me that it can be very fulfilling to give and help others. I also learned from her that no matter your age, you can make your community a better place.

Another way my Aunt Vikki helps others is the Children's Advocacy Center in Grand Rapids. She read about the organization and got very sad about the sexual abuse happening to children in her area. She then felt that God prompted her to do something about it. My aunt donates items to help these children while they recover from the abuse. They went through a lot, and they are given gifts such as blankets and teddy bears to help them feel secure.

My Aunt Vikki wants to help people and make a difference in her community. She does charitable acts and doesn't expect any recognition in return. She does it from the goodness of her heart to bring faith and love into children's lives. Her work has helped thousands of children.

My Aunt Vikki creates awareness for these organizations and encourages others to do acts of service for a greater cause. She displays compassion to those in need and lets them know they are loved. She has helped change the lives of those in her community. I hope hearing her story can inspire you to do good for others too. All you need is a little faith, love, and trust in God and you too can make a difference.

