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## How to Inspire Fellow Students to Volunteer

Community Service is a large part of my life and I do not know where I would be without it. I believe that volunteer services help not only the community, but also the individuals that contribute their time into these projects. I'd like to inspire my peers to volunteer by setting an example and displaying how enjoyable it can be, as well as recognizing their hard work when they do volunteer, to encourage them to continue.

Leading by example, in my perspective, is the easiest way to get my peers to contribute to community service. Volunteering can be very pleasurable and rewarding, and by showing other students this, it will get them to think about how they can help as well. I was influenced by my older sisters to start volunteering when I was in sixth grade. I would constantly see them helping at every event they could and making new friends along the way. Being the socially awkward child that I was, I sought to become like them so I could form friendships as well.

Community service is truly a wonderful way to meet new people, and students are aware of how important it is to make ties with others. By emphasizing and showing my peers that volunteering creates strong relationships is another way that I believe can get them interested in community service.

From personal experience, I can say that identifying and acknowledging the effort that my peers put into volunteer work is the best way to keep them motivated and inspired, once they get into it. There were times when I didn't have the time and drive to continue volunteer work, but because of all the praise that I received from everyone around me, I was able to keep at it. This may seem like a small, insignificant act, but letting them know that their efforts are not going to waste can make them want to continue their hard work. The recognition can take form in virtually anything, ranging from verbal compliments to small incentives, such as a snack. By showing volunteers that they matter can greatly improve their confidence and work ethic, and keep them helping whenever they can.

Inspiring students to volunteer can be tough, especially in this generation,

where time is money, and so little people are willing to give it up. However, I believe that volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, and that every student should understand the values that it can hold. Being a role model for my peers and demonstrating all the perks and pros of community service is the best way to inspire them to volunteer, and recognizing their efforts is the preeminent approach to keep them motivated. So as long as we have someone to lead by example and keep us interested, our society will be able to raise more students to volunteer.