

## ESSAY

Contributing time in service to my community is part of the fabric of who I am. For me, volunteering is not just an activity that students complete to put on a resume or record for service hours in a club, but a way to meaningfully interact and benefit others. A substantial amount of my volunteer work is done with my local Rotary Club and its youth organization, the CHS Interact club. Just this year, I had an opportunity to work with the members to design a banner to represent the Rotary Club internationally. After some doing some research, I came up with a couple drafts in which the concepts were used in the final product. The involvement was not only a way to apply my skills as an artist, but it was beneficial to Rotary International. Beyond being beneficial, this experience also fosters goodwill and friendships when the banner is exchanged by Rotarians across the world.

I can apply the Four-Way test with my other experiences with Rotary Club and Interact club. I work with my dad, a Rotarian, when preparing for patriotic holidays with Flags for Heroes. Assisting with putting up flags and medallions in my community means a lot to me, as someone whose close family has served the country. In Interact Club, we focused on hosting several drives like Hugaroo and helping out organizations like Sole Hope. Outside of these organizations, I work with my peers to volunteer in my school's concessions stand to help raise money for the school's music program. Through these acts of service, I strive to build positive and foundational relationships with my community.