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Serving to Better Others

Martin Luther King was a true profile of how to serve and lead in community service. He maybe most remembered for one of the most inspirational speeches of all time but Dr. King was a lot more than words. He led by action and example rather than by giving orders. He participated in community service to show how to better individuals lives which in return would better the community has a whole also. Dr. King helped to bring people of all different backgrounds, ethnicity, and races together to build better and stronger communities. Through service and action he helped to bridge the gap between people of different walks of life to show we our all God's children and each one of us is equal in his eyes.

Participating in community service should be about something you believe in. You should participate in community service with a servant's heart and not expect anything in return but the satisfaction that you are making a difference. Doing community service makes a positive impact on the community. By participating in community service you bring people of all different backgrounds together for a common purpose and help to unify the community. Community service also helps to fulfill a specific purpose for things an individual or government can not do for themselves. For people who are unable to eat or can't afford to, there are food banks where they can go to to get their meal for that night. People can participate in community service by doing the simple things from as small as picking up a piece of trash when you see it on the ground or the bigger things like going and working in a food pantry. Not matter what you do you can have a impact and help to make the place you live a better and more attractive place.

I try to think of Dr King's example when I do work out in the community. I am very proud to serve our community by being a reading tutor in the Lima City School's elementary buildings. The kids I work with are really amazing and have a lot of potential to one day grow up and be a very big voice in

our own community. They struggle a little bit in the area of reading and I feel like I make a positive impact on their lives by working with them and helping with their education. I feel like I make a impact on our community by helping all kids to further their education and to set an example to them on how service to your community is important and show them that each person can make a difference.