

My Heroic Impact on Communities

How is a hero defined? It is someone who uses his or her qualities of courage, selflessness, and kindness in order to make a positive impact. Darryl and Ryan Tsatsos are both great examples of heroes. They certainly owned and used these characteristics in their lives and their impact is still present today. I, too, possess these attributes and use them to help different communities, such as young pregnant women and my high school.

Perhaps my most notable piece of community work took place at the Gianna House located in Eastpointe, Michigan. The Gianna House and its workers provide needs such as safety, shelter, food, and parenting help to pregnant teen women. No men are officially employed by the Gianna House, so some physically demanding tasks are not completed until men volunteer to help. As one of these volunteers, I was delighted to move furniture and clean the building to allow the women to live in a more comfortable setting. I plan on visiting the Gianna House in the future so that I can help them again. Although this may be my most significant heroic deed, I have made a more prominent positive impact on my high school, De La Salle, with all the volunteering I have done there.

During my four years at De La Salle, I used much of my time to help the school's community. I was a leader at football camps, where I taught young athletes football techniques. My leadership during these camps allowed the athletes to gain an understanding of De La Salle's uplifting community. I was also a leader in the link crew, which is a student organization that helps the freshmen become comfortable with the school. I showed my freshmen-filled group that at De La Salle, friendship does not depend on age. This helped bridge the social gap between the seniors and freshmen in the school. Moving on, I was a volunteer worker at multiple open houses and

craft shows. During these occasions, my work affected not only students, but adults, too. My willingness to help gave the adults an encouraging perspective on the De La Salle community. Finally, I tutored students in mathematics and Spanish. These students improved their knowledge in the subjects as well as their work ethic as a result of my tutoring, and I am honored to have been a part of their academic successes.

Without these same three qualities of courage, selflessness, and kindness, I probably would not have done any of the community work I discussed in the previous paragraphs. Courage is needed because it instills the urgency to do the work, which is undesirable to most people. Selflessness is also needed because it prioritizes others' lives above your own. Lastly, kindness is needed because it serves as motivation to help communities. The impact I have made on the Gianna House and De La Salle only increases my desire to continue to be courageous, selfless, and kind. Through my positive impact on communities, I aspire to become more of a hero and, more specifically, like Darryl and Ryan.