

CHILDREN IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

Eva Dickinson



As a young girl, **Eva Dickinson** was exposed to the needs of those around her, learning that taking care of others is a duty for which each person is responsible. To reinforce this, she made “giving jars” as a Lenten activity in Sunday school, which included a set of three jars: one marked “for now” (fun), another “for later” (savings), and the last “for others” (those in need). Into these jars Eva would divide the money she received, a task requiring her to think of others in addition to herself. Eva considers these teachings to be key lessons that help her to regularly remember to prioritize giving of both her time and money to benefit others.

Last summer, Eva volunteered to be one of the leaders for The One Thing project. The One Thing identifies student leaders from Northeastern Ohio and empowers them to be philanthropic, civic-minded leaders. This project is a way for high school students to come together to become better leaders and philanthropists.

Eva also participates in “Crop Walk,” spends hours raising funds for ACCESS, helps organize and participates in “Kick it for Cancer,” and recently joined other youth in assisting flood victims in western New York.

Eva’s interest in helping others has culminated in the founding of her own organization called “Ycare” or “YouthCare.” Ycare’s mission is to involve the youth of today in a program dedicated to caring for and helping others in order to help create the kind of future adults the world needs. Now, as a senior at Our Lady of the Elms High School, Eva is working on plans to incorporate her love for philanthropic work into her educational and life goals.

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