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Project Hope

Since I was nine years old I have attended Rely for Life, never realizing what it was about, and as I have gotten older I have a better understanding of what this event is about and what my part in it means. My family has been involved and is the reason I have also gotten involved. My mother and aunt have been great role models proving to me you can commit to a cure as well as have a career and a family. Some of the things I have done at relay are help run game booths, selling raffle tickets, and running errands for the chairperson. Also took part in the luminary ceremony. Luminaries are bags that are decorated in memory of someone who has died because of cancer. I help set them up around the track and then light a candle inside so they illuminate. It is very touching to be able to help with this event.

In the big picture I know cancer is now the number one killer in Louisiana. I have personally been affected by cancer losing an aunt to breast cancer and uncle to lung cancer. I do not want to lose another family member to cancer this is why I continue to be involved in relay for life.

I can make a difference by bring awareness, by talking about it by educating family and friends.

I can do more to raise money for my relay team in turn the money raised helps research, buy supplies, even helps people with cancer seek treatment they may not be able to afford.

As I go through high school, then college, and then a career I will continue to work for the cure! To dedicate my time volunteering, as I get older I can take on more responsibility. And it is my hope that I can be a good finical supporter as well as hands on involvement in relay for life.

Another thing that I would do to help the homeless is setup more soup kitchens in areas where there is more poverty. I would do this because most soup kitchens can become overwhelmed in locations where many people are stricken with poverty. I would also buy a used van or large truck and turn it into a portable kitchen and bring the food to where there are no kitchens are and where some cannot be built. I would also try to do the same thing but in other countries that have a large poverty rate.

Some more things that I would do to help less fortunate people would help foster children that don't have anyone to play with or talk to. What I would do is set up a "project" or organization that sends time with the children that have no one, what we would do is I select a group of children to go with a group of workers and we would take the children to fairs or concerts or anything else fun that they don't get to experience in the foster homes. Even though I know that there are other organizations that already do this it would make me and the other children happy to know that they are not alone and they have someone to talk to.