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**S**ome people may wonder or question how someone as young as ten years old could possibly contribute to their community. Well, I would tell them you are never too young to start caring about your community.

To be a good, contributing member of a community you need to care about your community and be involved. Community to me starts with my school. One way I contribute to my school community is by collecting Box Tops for Education. With the money received from these box tops, I am able to help the school earn money for fun and educational things. Another way that I contribute to my school community is by getting involved in school activities and by always giving my personal best effort. I am also a good, contributing member of my school community when I am being respectful of school property and taking good care of all school equipment.

When I am not in school, I make sure that I take good care of my larger community, which is Franklin Township. One way I do this is by recycling. Did you know that if you recycle enough plastic water bottles, you could actually make a plastic park bench out of the plastic from all the recycled water bottles? Besides recycling, another way I am a good contributing member of my community is by contributing to food drives. This helps out the people in our community who may not be able to afford to buy food. I also contribute by picking up litter on the side of the road and all around the neighborhood. After all, I want Franklin Township to always be clean and beautiful, and to be a place and a community I am proud to be a part of.

**NEVER** underestimate what a ten-year-old can do!