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Being a contributing member of our township and school is very important. There are many things I can do and qualities I need to develop to help my community and my school.

One thing I can do to be a contributing member of my community is to use my time to help others, and share the skills that I have with those around me. We have to help other people whenever they need it. Everyone has different skills and talents, so when we come together, we make a better place to live.

Another important thing is to be hardworking. When we work hard at whatever we do, we can get a lot more done. I always need to work hard and show good spirit, because it will be better for me and whoever I am helping. Some examples of being hardworking in my township and school are helping to clean up after activities and helping to clean up after destruction in parks or at people's homes. My dad and brother went to clean up branches after Hurricane Sandy. It was not easy work, but they got a lot done because they worked hard and worked together with others.

To be a good contributing member of my community, I need to want to help and look for ways I can contribute. I once heard someone say that we need to "observe then serve." I like this saying because we could go around doing what we have to do each day, only thinking of ourselves, or we can decide to look around and see what we can do to help. When we choose to look and want to serve, then we have a positive attitude about things that makes others feel good, too. Whenever my family does things to help neighbors or people in need, we feel happy and that good feeling gets passed along to those we serve.

In school, there are many opportunities to choose the right thing. This can be something as little as helping someone with their work or playing with them if they need a friend. I like to think of acts of service as playing the game "telephone." The game works this way. Someone thinks of a sentence and whispers it to the next person. This keeps on going until the last person receives the message. This is like service because if someone shows an act of service to someone else, they are most likely to pass on another act of service to someone else because it made them so happy.

At Franklin Township School, we have great teachers that help make so many things possible. For example, if it wasn't for the contributions of our art and STEM teacher, the amazing school play would not have been as cool and realistic as it was.

Each of these things is very important to being a good contributing member to our society. We must remember to be hardworking, share our talents, and most of all, want to help. I know that if everyone plays their part, we can have an outstanding community.