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*What You Need to Do to Be a Good Contributing Member of Your Community*

Grade Four, Honorable Mention

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**M**y name is Scott D. Turek. I am currently in 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Mrs. Stryisky's class. As a Cub Scout, I have had the chance to contribute to my community in many different ways. In this essay, I will describe my experience and explain its importance.

One way to be a contributing member of our community is to pick up trash. You can do this by getting trash bags, gloves, and transportation. The Cub Scouts went out this spring and cleaned the local roadways. We found cans, bottles, and papers along our routes. Litter is harmful to animals and our environment. By cleaning up the litter, our community will look better. A clean community is a healthy community.

Another way to help one's community is to donate to local food pantries. As a Cub Scout, I took part in a countywide food drive this year. I made signs and papers to hand out. I listed food and items that were in great demand at the local food pantry. I handed out lists and talked to shoppers at Walmart. The results were seven carts filled with groceries. I was happy because I was helping people in need and I got to meet new people in my community.

My community has helped the Cub Scouts many times with donations from local businesses and organizations. They supported us and we should support them. Shopping at local stores or buying from local farms helps our community grow. Showing respect for our community police, fire, and EMS volunteers and helping them out is a way to continue the cycle of support in our community.

These experiences I have shared with you are what I believe it takes to be a good contributing member of my community.