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Preserving What is Right

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It seems that the truths our country once held self-evident are vanishing. It is time that we, this generation, take a stand for what is right. We must not be content to stand by and watch wrong prevail while right is being swept away. I have a deep interest in the state of our country and where we are headed. I am trying to be involved in my community and take a stand. The following examples are of how I carry out some of my goals for impacting the culture around me.

This past summer I helped with a campaign for someone running for state assembly. It was a great experience to go to the planning meetings and to really see all it takes to run for office. We helped with advertizing, literature drops, and computer work. I helped on the last presidential race as well.

My most recent involvement has been in the pro-life movement. I have always felt a deep burden for life issues which is interesting because my birthday falls on January 22nd which is the anniversary of the twin court cases of *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. These cases made abortion legal and lifted all restrictions on abortion “in the case” of the mother’s health.

I attended a pro-life camp last August. The weeklong camp was filled with information on abortion, bioethics and euthanasia, tools on how to debate, and the tragic reality of how the media distorts the truth and the propaganda they use to accomplish it. I came back equipped and anxious to do something to make a difference. We started attending the monthly meeting of the Fox Valley chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. Our family helped at the rally they had in January and continue to be involved with the events that take place around the valley and even statewide. I have been a part of Life-Chain for several years. Currently, we are trying to get other people, especially fellow Christian, to take an interest in the cause of protecting life. One way we are doing that is in the Bible study my brother, sister, and I started over a year ago. My sister and I volunteered several months making quilts to send to terminally ill children and to a house for abused women.

My family and I enjoy singing so we use that to connect with the community as well. We sing for various senior events along with singing at nursing homes. We will be singing at the National Day of Prayer event in Appleton this May.

I attended Worldview Academy in the summers of 2009 and 2010. It is a weeklong camp that teaches Christian apologetics, worldview and servant leadership. It has been instrumental in my stepping up to serve my community better. My responsibility as a Christian is an even stronger reason to be a voice in and to our world today. Worldview Academy is a great camp that informs teens and adults how they can defend the Christian faith when it is attacked or is contradicted with the views and beliefs of our world and society. Investing my time in going through the Truth Project twice has helped me to gain a clearer picture of the battle in which we are engaged. It has helped me to understand the worldviews and marketplace of ideas that our society has embraced.

The TRUTH Group is the Bible study my siblings and I started to encourage other young people in the faith and also to keep them informed of the events around our country and world. Each month, we find an opportunity to reach out into the community. Some of the things we have done and continue to do include: ringing bells and helping clean for the salvation Army, serving at homeless shelters, making meals for widows, single parents, and families with parents out of work, touring and volunteering at the crisis pregnancy center in Appleton, serving meals at the EAA for the missionary pilots, and helping a younger widow clean up around her property. We are part of Be-A-Voice-Network through Voice of the Martyrs that prays for persecuted Christians. These community projects not only benefit the people we serve, but they also benefit the people, like me, who are doing the service.

The two ways I feel most involved in my corner, are by staying informed and knowing our country’s true history. Understanding the foundation laid down by our Forefathers is the most important information someone can know. We

can't help others to see the danger that we are headed for as America unless we know the truths, morals, and principles that our nation was formed and erected on. Patriotism was once esteemed and admired but now people look at you as radical and extreme. The freedom everyone was once willing to die for is now being curbed and limited by Americans themselves.

Knowing and understand the writings and addresses written and given by the early Patriots help us to know our heritage. One of the things highly overlooked is our National Anthem. I have enjoyed learning and memorizing all four verses of it. Even the little things like that teach you about America's heritage. For instance most people don't know that in the fourth verse of our National Anthem it states "*Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just, Let this be our motto, in God is our trust...*" I have recently read an extensive biography on John Adams and his life's doings as well as one on Benjamin Rush. The dedication with which our founding Fathers served our country is to be desired in all of us.

Staying informed is very valuable. We must know what is happening so we can have a voice. Some of the ways in which I stay informed are by reading a lot, listening to news on the radio, and just watching the happenings of the world. I am grateful for the people like Janet Parshall and Julaine Appling who are explaining what is going on with a conservative perspective. They encourage us to take a stand for what is right and to be a voice that will be heard.

I continue to look for opportunities to reach out and promote family values, morals, and the freedom we all enjoy. My current future goal is to encourage other young Americans to rise up and be prepared to take over the responsibilities that are awaiting us.

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