

MY UNCLE

My uncle is an amazing person. He shows leadership and cares for others. My uncle served 28 years in the army. He joined when he was 20. He was 48 years old when he retired. He helped men survive in combat. He was once injured in combat. He led people by treating them with dignity and respect. He helped bring clean water and electricity to the people of Iraq and Afghanistan. He volunteers at a clinic for disabled children. He helps kids with disabilities through Hippo therapy. He cleans stall and cares for the horses too.

My uncle spent his entire life showing leadership through his service to our country and by helping others in need. I am proud to be his nephew.

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MY DAD

My dad helped clean up a hurricane in Florida. He helped fix roof. He delivered cleaning supplies. He cleared trees and debris. He organized volunteer groups. Many people worked long and hard. He drove from Louisiana to Florida to just clean up the hurricane. Every one helped all together. Every one was happy to help out. They learned that giving service is a joy. Now my dad still serves in other ways. I want to learn to serve like my dad throughout my life.

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MY MOM

My mom is the best mom ever! She does foster care. When kids do stuff that isn't good or if they don't have a home we have extra bedrooms and bring them into our home. It is hard work, but we also take them on vacations. She treats them like her kids. She has a lot of patience. We go through lots of challenges. These kids need to be loved. We also buy them stuff sometimes they work for money so they can buy their own things. So they will be happy. It is hard but it is worth it. My mom likes having foster children because she loves them and makes a difference in their lives. I hope I can be like my mom and help make this world a better place.

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AVA'S SERVICE

My friend, Ava Ostroski, did a great thing for her school community and neighborhood in Washington. She discovered that her school principal was cutting down trees in her neighborhood park for a new parking lot and stopped him.

The first thing she did was raising protests. Ava gathered more than 300 people in her school stadium and told them what her principal was doing. The trees in the park were oak trees and were about 400 years old. They were also home to many animals.

Ava also rose a program called Save The Trees. Save The Trees protected and planted the oak trees. It also proved that the school needed oak trees for oxygen and clean water in the city.

Finally, Ava's principal gave the word that he wasn't going to destroy the trees. He is currently supporting Save The Trees and is not only planting trees, but has also started a new recycling program to use less plastic.

Ava has demonstrated much true leadership and service to her community. She has planted 934 trees in one year and saved 89 oaks in 2 months. She is a true leader.

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MY TEACHER LINDA

My teacher is a great service leader. She has demonstrated service leadership and has taught us a lot. She is a great person to be with to see service leadership happening.

She helped raise money and survival kits for the homeless. She has also started a class recycling bin to help us recycle. She demonstrates service leadership by teaching us not to pollute and not use plastic straws. Also she is able to spend time with us even when she is feeling down or frustrated. She is very encouraging to everyone around. Not just in the classroom but in the school also. She can keep going for a long time. She is the perfect teacher. She has helped make recycling videos to persuade people to recycle, reduce, reimagine and reuse. She lets us learn and have fun. She can be funny and serious. She has definitely been a service leader throughout my life.

These are the reasons I think my teacher is a great service leader. She's a great person to be with too see service leadership in action. This is why I wrote about my teacher, Linda.

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MY GRANDPA

Did you know my grandpa did important things in life? I think my grandpa best demonstrates leadership through service because of serves the church helps the community, and was in the Vietnam War in the 1960s. I am proud of my grandpa for helping people.

He service the church by mowing grass and picking up twigs. He also helped people find headstones. He participated in this program called Meals on Weels, it was for people who could not afford food.

My grandpa helped the community. He is a webmaster that writes stories and submits photographs for his High School. He helps clean lakes so they don't get polluted. He also made the phone book company use ink out of soy so it could be recycled.

My grandpa was in the Vietnam War in the 1960s. He studied desecises by caching mosquitoes. He also was an enginier and tried to kill mosquitoes. He interviewed people who hade bubonic plague to see how it was spreding.

In summary, my grandpa best demonstraites leadership through service the church, help the community, and being in the Vietnam War. This is why I think my grandpa is the best person to demonstrate leadership through service.

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WITNESS IN LIFE

Some people think that most African American men are not portraying a positive role model. As of today, I would like to introduce to you an influential African American man.

I present to you, a tough loving 76 years old, my Grandpa, Mr. Raleigh Younger. During the summer, he taught me how to paint; assist me with reading comprehension/writing and I get distracted easily, no matter how many times I messed up, he always gave me another opportunity.

Next, my Great Grandpa is a family man. He will take his friends' children if they need a break for summer vacation. He also volunteers at the church with giving out food boxes to those individuals that are in need. My Great Grandpa is always cooking, and providing for his family. He also worked as a satellite communication technician supervisor for RCA/GE for NASA for 20 years.

Finally, I view my Grandpa as a humanitarian. He mentored some young men who fathers weren't in their lives, and now they are very successful business owners. He also volunteers at a DC Hospital for research to help understand the human body.

In conclusion, I believe the greatest witness in my life is my Grandpa. He is very genuine. Although, he is retired, he volunteers, and takes time to allow doctors to utilize him for research. My Granddad still managed to exhibit the life of a positive role model. I am grateful to have such an amazing figure in my life.

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LEADERSHIP POEM

Everybody has a leader
Whether they know it or not
Even though you really know em
You truly don't know how much for you they've fought

Everyday my teachers are truly there for me
And believe it or not, they smile for free
Sure they're paid, but their happiness is real
And in the middle of class, that's what you truly feel

Even though they teach different from each other
They work together like family, like sisters and brothers
If a student doesn't get it
They help you and find you a fit

I have four lovely teachers there for me
Always there to make me see
When i can improve and try my best
They are the best teachers and nobody can contest

They are all my Heroes and leaders
Their love and compassion never teeters
My teachers have truly impacted me
And if I was never here I don't know who I'd be

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Throughout the world, there are citizens in countries that live without food, a suitable living space, and clean drinking water. Some of us usually don't think about these people in our everyday lives. Most of us think about beating their highscore on a video game, or friends of theirs and coming up with plans to meet them. Niles Sharif is different. My uncle Niles, travels to these third world countries to find extreme poverty and starvation. He looks at this and asks himself "how can I fix this"?

Niles Sharif founded the Global Care Alliance in 2007. And since then, he's been travelling to the impoverished countries around the world to help improve their living conditions. He has two major projects in Mexico and Burundi. The GCA all started in Colonet, Mexico when Niles met a woman named Frances Sifuentes. Ms. Sifuentes was running a kitchen for dilapidated immigrants. But she was running out of money. Niles stepped in and donated to the kitchen. In Vicente Guerrero, the GCA has built a community center to feed and provided the citizens with water, and a medical center so people who can't afford healthcare can receive proper medical attention.

Niles has done some work in Gahararo, Burundi as well. Many of the houses in the town were made of grass were infested with snakes. Niles has built housing units; water wells, and food center.

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THE SERVICE SAINT

A leader through service? Easy, I don't even have to think about it. The person who popped into my mind is Anika Robinson. She's the most involved person I know. She renovates churches, throws parties for foster children, and makes everyone feel special. Anika Robinson is a saint!

One trait of leadership is Equality. Anika shows equality by making every child feel loved. Can you imagine going years without celebrating your birthday? Most foster kids don't celebrate, because they're not in a home in time for their birthday. Anika took it upon herself to change that. Every 3 months she throws a party for foster kids who had a birthday but couldn't celebrate. Anika gives the kids presents and cake for themselves so they feel like somebody remembers them. Another way she works with foster children is through AZAFAP. AZAFAP is an organization that throws events for Foster and Adoptive families.

What if you got moved from your family and had nothing? No clothes, shoes, or accessories? What would you do? Well, thanks to the foundation Jose's Closet, that's taken care of. Jose's Closet is for Foster Children, and has clothes, shoes, toys, and more. You pay a little fee at the beginning of the month and whenever you want can come get what you need. Anika volunteers at Jose's Closet ALL THE TIME! She donates, folds, and organizes. Anika always makes sure everyone has what they need! Another act of service she has done is Church Renovation. There was a church that was old and ruined, and Anika volunteered to redo the floors, paint, and landscape around the outside. She paid for all the supplies herself and did a lot of the work herself.

I really don't think anybody could be a better pick for this subject. If I could, I would write pages on Anika and how she helps out through service. She doesn't know it but, she's spreading joy and hope for hundreds of kids.

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A MAN LIKE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Communities often have specific individuals who demonstrate leadership through service. One such individual in my community is Mister Gonzales, or Mr. G, as many of his students call him. My community, Miami, Arizona, is a cornucopia of different races, religions, and social inequalities. Mr.G, who is both a teacher at Miami High School and the Vice Mayor of our small town, tries to bridge this gap by juggling the stresses of teaching and serving as vice mayor. He helps students at my school and the people in our community in many ways.

One of the projects Mr. G works on with the students at my school is called Fishing with Attitude. Fishing with Attitude takes the 7th and 8th grade kids to have an overnight stay at the local lake. Students are exposed to different activities with the Sheriff's Department, such as fishing, riding in boats, and setting up tents. This activity brings students closer to law enforcement officers, and exposes students to trust the people who protect their city and not fear them.

Not only does Mr. G help bring the school together, but he also brings together our community as a whole by passing various infrastructure projects like roads, and spillways; even town events like 4th of July fireworks. Through his dedication to the schools as a teacher and as a Mayor of Miami, Mr. G best exemplifies self-driven advocacy of leadership through service, just like Martin Luther King Jr.

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Mrs. Gavlik is one of the best teacher's I've ever had. She's really helped me, and many others to actually understand math. She also brighten's everyone's day up, just by being herself.

Mrs. Gavlik is a great teacher, even though nobody really likes math. She helps and influences everyone to do their best. She has always encouraged me that I can when I say I can't. Not only at math, but everything else too. Which, obviously, is proof of how amazing she is. Also anytime anyone's struggling she helps them with the concept until they understand. There's been many times where she's helped me over and over until I actually understand.

Mrs. Gavlik also always brighten's up my day. Even though it is a math class she always finds a way to make it fun. Another thing is that if someones sad, she cheers them up.

Mrs. Gavlik isn't like one of those teachers that you learn nothing from. Almost everyday I learn something new from her class. Personally before I came to A.C.A I had zero understanding regarding math. Now, a year later I've learned how to do most of the concepts. It's all thanks to Mrs. Gavlik, and her putting up with me.

I really, really appreciate all that Mrs. Gavlik has done for me. Not only has she made me smarter, but also made me more positive towards life, and also has made me smile more often. Especially last year when I didn't like to smile, she always seemed to find a way.

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