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I am 18 years old, and I believe in giving back to the community, to people who help you, and to people in need. It is important to help others when ever possible, even if you have to sacrifice some of your own down time. The world can only become a better place when people give love, support, and wellbeing back into the community.

Some people live at the dump across the world. There could be some family with five starving children on the other side of the planet for all we know. Anything extra you have whether it is money or time. I believe in using it to be a productive member in society and make the world a better place by giving.

Most everyone in my school used their Spring Break to have fun, visit family, and party, however I did not. I went to Mexico to help out a family in need. We built this family a house and threw a fiesta for the people who lived in the same area. I did al that and still had time for myself. I not criticizing what others did with his or her break however I am stating trying to explain that what if

everyone had done what I did? So many families in need would get help. I believe in not only giving back to people and your community, but also the community's next to your community and the whole world together.

I have had people ask me why I do so much for Cypress. Why I run the snack shack, even though it drives me insane sometimes. Why I help other student's instead of helping myself. Why I do so much for all the teachers and their variety of requests of me. Well, part of it has to do with the fact of myself being more of a giver than a taker. The other part being that I believe in giving back. The most powerful thing is when someone helps me. Cypress, in a way, has been a savor for my High School education experience. Attending Cypress High has enabled my inside Leadership skill and Community player traits to be put into use. I believe in giving back to people who have helped you personally. People who have helped me grow like a metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. "This I Believe".