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“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” This statement made by Theodore Roosevelt, simply defines generosity. My own definition for generosity is doing kind favors for others even when it doesn’t always work out the best for you. Generosity, I believe, is an important character trait because the more giving people are, the better this world will become. I have learned that people can make a difference and one of the best ways is through generosity. Generosity is a character trait that can and should be shown at school. Along with school, generosity may as well be shown at home. Everyone is capable of being generous, however, not everyone takes the time to show it. Generosity is important because I have learned that people can make a difference and one of the best ways is through generosity.

A student can show generosity at school by things such as just helping a fellow student out by giving them paper or a pencil, or generosity could go as far as offering your own time to tutor and mentor other students. Generosity at school could actually save someone’s life. As unbelievable as that sounds, it is true. In high school many teens are depressed, and some may not even realize it. 1 in 14, or seven percent, of teens with major depression commit suicide. Maybe if people showed generosity to all then this percent could someday go down to one or hopefully zero. Generosity is also a good way to show others that you care.

Generosity can be shown in many ways and at any place. Showing generosity at home can be a very simple act or a little more complex. For example, I have one brother and one sister that are 20 and 18 and usually are not home. Therefore, there is now a little more responsibility I could choose to take on at home. Like my brother had always taken out the trash, however, now if I see it needs done, I do it. Taking out the trash for my brother is one of the simpler everyday jobs I can do to show generosity. A more complex example of generosity

could be mowing the lawn or washing my parent's vehicles just to be kind. Everyone knows when you do little or big jobs around the house it makes your parents happy. Therefore, generosity can lead to a happier home.

My agriculture teacher, Miss Meyer, shows more generosity than I have seen in twenty people. Miss Meyer not only shows generosity, but she teaches it. It's almost like a hidden message you have to look at the bigger picture to see. Not only do I think highly of Miss Meyer, many students and even other teachers do too. Miss Meyer shows her generosity by offering her own personal time to teach us about many interesting subjects like public speaking and parliamentary procedure. Miss Meyer is one of those teachers that as soon as you meet them, you know you like them, and they will do what they can to help you. I am one who does not like to take my education for granted. I am lucky enough to have Miss Meyer for my four years in high school. Throughout just one year, I have learned a lot from her. Miss Meyer's generosity has shown me and my friends what is truly important in life. Thanks to Miss Meyer, I now know not only the things we learn in a book, but also what we need to know for life. Miss Meyer spends more time at school than she does at her house. Even over the summer, Miss Meyer takes time out of her schedule to be with and teach students who choose to learn.

I believe generosity is important in everyday life because generosity can show to others just how much you care. Generosity can prove to others that you are willing to quit thinking about yourself and help someone else. I am a firm believer in people can make a difference. Whether it be making someone have a good day or helping someone to have an awesome year, generosity is the way to make the difference. Many people live life day by day, and if people just start by being generous each day, then it will build up and actually might make the world a better place.