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Be The Change

I learned many years ago that if something needed to be done, it's best to just do it then and there. I grew up in a family of seven, with me being the oldest child, and I soon learned that I needed to be the example to all my younger siblings. I had to set the standard and encourage them to push themselves, to become better, and I did this by pushing myself and being the kindest, most honest, and hardworking person that I could become. From a young age I have been serving in many leadership positions, some including serving as the president of the young men groups ages 12-14 and ages 14-16 in my church, and I now serve as a secretary in the presidency for my young men group ages 16-18. I serve the community with my fellow members of the National Honors Society. I am currently on the seminary council for my local seminary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, constantly planning service projects, community activities, and striving to help others in any way possible. To me, being the change is about more than going out and doing good deeds. I try to do this every day, however I think one of the best ways is to inspire others to become better and to improve. Through the Boy Scouts of America program I completed my eagle scout project, in which I independently organized and executed a food drive in which I raised over twenty-two hundred pounds of food for my local food bank. This was great and I know I made an impact but I am only one person. I can try but I am limited by my numbers. This is why

being the change means so much more to me than single handedly taking on the world. How much better would it be if instead of just me organizing one food drive, if I had inspired others to organize food drives as well. If I inspired five other people to raise two thousand pounds of food as well, instead of raising only two thousand pounds, I could have raised twelve thousand pounds for the food bank. I love to help and serve others, and I love to create a better future, but in my opinion, being the change is about helping others to become the change, both by setting the example, striving for excellence, and by always being a positive influence in the lives of everybody you meet. The phrase I often hear in school “even a smile in the hallways can make somebody’s day” is all too true. Even the smallest things you do can have the biggest effect on others, so always strive to be the kindest person you can be. Strive to be the most honest you can be, Strive to be the person that those around you feel they can trust and ask for help when they need it. Being the change is about more than improving yourself. It's about improving everybody around you as you improve yourself.