



America is fortunate to be one of the world's birthplaces of the concept of community service. Early pilgrims had to serve each other to keep from dying in early times. When the early colonists realized they had a choice between tyranny and freedom they banded together in every community and formed minutemen militia to keep their communities safe from the tyranny of British military oppression. Men, women, and children with deep conviction and high integrity rose to face the difficulty of the times with heroic character.

In today's society we have problems, as well as any other time in America's history, with the importance of community service. Community service is a way of doing something positive for the community. When all fails in the community such as major job losses, cutbacks on salaries, families are being torn apart and education having budget cuts. It's our job as people of America to give back to our community. I myself have done some service in the community around my school including feeding the homeless, with the Tallahassee Community Volunteer Program, collected school supplies with the local church for students in elementary, middle, & high school, and help tutor students in Math, Science, and English. I also have organized community service projects such as the "Street Clean-Up", where we pick different streets in the community to pick up trash, and also the project "Support Our Soldiers" where we collected can foods and select items for our soldiers overseas. The U.S. Armed Forces are a great example of service for all communities. The men and women of the Army, Navy, and the United States Air Force represent good quality people volunteering to serve.

All these things are what I knew I could offer to my community because I had the opportunity. These are great experiences and we need to see them bloom in small and large communities all across the nation. Community service is a positive way of making the community a better place for everyone. If we can approach community service, and raise the standard so maybe everyday people can once again rise to the heroic levels that are so badly needed to turn around the world and make it better.