

Contestant #2 – Molly Mylan

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What have I done that has affected someone's life in a positive way? There are many things I could talk about, but one in particular is my involvement in the big brothers and big sisters program at my high school and my involvement in the Girl Scouts.

What does it mean to be a big in the big brothers and big sisters program? I have been asked this question so many times and there are so many ways I can answer this. Being a big means that you get matched to an elementary school student and basically become their older sister. More importantly being a big means commitment, friendship, and support. When you become a big and you receive a little as your match is slightly nerve-racking because you want to be the best you can be for him or her. When I first got my match I was extremely nervous, but then I met her. When you are big you form a connection with a kid who doesn't have someone or doesn't have someone that will listen and talk to them. Being a big has been one of the most life-changing and amazing experiences in my whole life. My little sister is truly the little sister I never had. We talk, we play games, we color, we do arts and crafts, but most importantly we support each other. Most of The kids who come through the big brothers big sisters program are looking for a friend, someone they will listen to when they talk. Walking into a room and seeing my Littles face light up is truly one of the best parts of my day. She has shown me that I can do it, I can be it and still have fun in the process. Even though she is not my actual sister it feels like she is.

Then being a Girl Scout. Being a Girl Scout has also changed my life for the better. I have been a Girl Scout for 10 years now. When we were Young our moms made us go and meet with a bunch of girls some of which we didn't even like. We would craft, we would run around and we would sometimes even sing songs. As the years went by being a Girl Scout had a different meaning in my life. Now being a Girl Scout is one of my favorite things about me. All my friends who came and went through the Girl Scout troop think I'm crazy for still being part of such a "little kids organization", but the truth is it is so far from being a "little kids organization". Girl Scouts is an organization that helps inspire and mold young women. Being a Girl Scout is something that I say with pride because I know my life wouldn't be the same without it. Now when I attend meetings I don't craft or run around, but I get to do something so much better. I get to help all of the younger kids Who come to do exactly that. The younger girls in my Girl Scout troop look up to me and sometimes it is kind of nerve-racking because I don't wanna let them down. These girls have given me the confidence to participate in something like rain day and other activities I don't think I would've ever even considered if I didn't have these girls in my life. Girl Scouts is the one thing that me and millions of girls across the country share. The family you get from Girl Scouts is worth more than anything you can buy or get. Girl Scouts is a sisterhood, a sisterhood of girls who always have your back and support you no matter what. Being a Girl Scout also means being involved in your community. As a Girl Scout I volunteer at community events and even sometimes events at the elementary school. So being a Girl Scout is the one thing that no one can take away from me. Being a Girl Scout is part of me and it's one of the best parts.