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My community service started with volunteering to help with a 5k run for my school. I received seven hours of community service for helping distribute water to the runners, helping them sign up for the run, and pointing them where to go. This event reflected the mission of St. Vincent's Hospital as the run raised awareness for breast cancer. The next act of service was volunteering to help assemble and disassemble a handbag bingo event at my school. I received fifteen hours for this event as I also helped throughout the night by helping those in the event. Additionally, I volunteered as an aide to my guidance counselor. Helping my guidance counselor included organizing files and working on putting her student information on an Excel spreadsheet. I received a total of nine hours for helping her. Both the handbag bingo and helping with my guidance counselor reflected the mission of the hospital as it was a way to relieve stress and bring joy and relaxation to those in the event or to my guidance counselor. My next act of service was advocating for adults with autism. Through a company named LuvMicheal, I created a page for donations and raised over \$200 which then benefits adults with autism as it provides them with a job. I received a total of twenty hours for this vacation. This reflected the mission of the hospital as it raised awareness for the discrimination that adults with autism receive when finding a job. Advocating for this allowed the company to gain money and employ more adults with autism to give them a job. Some other community services that I have done include a schoolwide drive to help with the shortage of food in food pantries and a bake sale in which we used the money for the bake sale to buy food, water, and warm clothing for the homeless. With the can drive, for the entire month of January I helped collect cans from my school and we were

able to collect over 20,000 cans which were then sent to Feeding Westchester to help food pantries. With the bake sale, we sold baked goods outside of my school's cafeteria and collected over \$800. We then used the money collected to buy snacks, water, and warm clothing. We sent these items to Lifting Up Westchester which then will distribute these items to the homeless of White Plains.