

I've volunteered for various organizations in the past, such as Aceing Autism, Feeding Westchester, the Fuller Center, and of course the Sharing Shelf. The Sharing Shelf is the organization I've been most involved in, and the most time contributing to recently.

The Sharing Shelf is an organization that addresses clothing insecurity for kids and teens in Westchester. I first got involved when some friends and I joined the Sharing Shelf club at our school and became active members. I've been a co-president of the Sharing Shelf club at MHS since my sophomore year. I've helped organize drives to collect hygiene supplies, coats, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. I've organized and participated in volunteer days at the Sharing Shelf clothing bank where my club and I help sort clothing for distribution. I have also held many bake sales to raise money for the Sharing Shelf and buy supplies for hygiene kits to donate. Over the past couple months, I have also raised \$1,500 in order to run the NYRR Half Marathon with the Sharing Shelf. I love running so when I saw the announcement about running for the Sharing Shelf I thought it would be a really fun way to contribute. In order to raise money, I decided to bake cookies and brownies to sell at school. Baking was fun to do on my own, and made asking for donations more enjoyable because I was also giving them something in return.

Working with the Sharing Shelf has been a very gratifying experience because I've developed a community of people with a shared passion for helping others. Our impact at the clothing bank, while it might seem small, I know might mean the world to a kid who now has the opportunity to feel happy and comfortable in the clothes they are wearing.