

## Are You Willing To Step Up?

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Taking part in the community of Mesa is important. Strengthening our community should be a top priority. "Have you ever done something for your community? Oh, you don't know how? You do not know what to do? It is simple! You can help keep your environment clean, you can help people in need, or you can join a club."

Cleaning your environment can be a challenge but isn't it worth it to have a nice refreshing environment? Ten out of ten people, [that is a 100%] agree they would rather have a clean environment than a filthy one. Everyone can pick up trash it is simple. For example you can just be taking a stroll down the street or sidewalk and see a bottle or some other garbage, all you have to do is pick it up and toss it in the trash can. Also, why cause pollution by driving a car when you can walk or ride a bike? Another way not to cause air pollution is when you are creating a fire, do not use plastics and other substances, "Yes, I know it's fascinating I've done it before," but after I found out how bad it is for the earth I stopped. Everyone should stop too! It is actually killing the earth.

Helping people in need is not hard at all. All you need to do is take some time, use some elbow grease, and have some compassion. Our community can help each other by building a house for someone homeless or someone poor. We could buy food for someone who is hungry. Helping others can be very gratifying. It will make your heart feel warm, a sensation you will feel throughout your body. I know because I have helped someone in need, a homeless person who was in a wheelchair and only had one tooth. When I gave money to him, he was delighted and grateful. His appreciation of the money made me happy and thankful for the things I have. Another part of our community we can help is our senior citizen. We can do yard work, or help them climb to get something, or it can be as simple as taking out the trash for them. We could even cook food for them. Finally, we can donate money, do activities like serve food, walk or run for a charity.

A wonderful way to help the community is to join a club or be on a committee that serves. I am in a club or a committee at my school called Student Council/Serving Irving. We do a lot to help my school and our community. For example, we go to the

nursing home down the street from our campus to help and cheer up the senior citizens. Also, we pick up trash around the Irving campus. Keeping our campus clean reflects our pride and how much we care about our school. We can do the something for Mesa. If we all do our part to keep Mesa squeaky clean, our pride will shine throughout the state. Are you proud to live in the community of Mesa, Arizona? Are you willing to work with others to jazz up our environment? Do you have the desire to assist people who are less fortunate than you are? Will you join in helping make Mesa a safer, friendlier, and healthier community? You can count me in!