

## Being a Bird Buddy

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The inspiring words, “Make a difference about something other than yourself” were once spoken by Toni Morrison. When I was eight years old I was at a family reunion at the Lorain County Metro parks, I was staring at the birds that they have in the enclosures. I saw this one bird, Luke the red tailed hawk, who had injured his wing, and had to be put into the hands of the center. He suffered from various things due to the injury. The injury caused him to develop a disease which was extremely painful to him. Luke was all white, and should be brown and red. I saw him and was inspired to help him. I started saving every penny until I had \$500, to give it to him. I put together a PowerPoint, with help from my dad, and started talking to people we knew. It took me two years to reach my goal. The bottles of pills that helped Luke cost about \$100, and only lasted about a month. Since the park was non-profit, it relied on donations to help pay for this kind of stuff. I helped Luke live on for about another at least five months, but eventually he was in too much pain, and he had to be put down. Toni Morrison growing up in Lorain, did things to help her community like volunteering as a school library aide. Toni Morrison knew that service was essential, and did selfless things to help her community, and people out of her community. She did this through her actions, and her words. Like Toni Morrison, I did something selfless for my community, to help Luke the red tailed hawk. As I get older, I would like to continue helping the wild life.