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*Make a difference about something other than yourselves.*

Make a change that will benefit not only yourself, but to those around you, especially in your community. Once you have made an impactful difference, others would follow suit, causing a domino effect. People are in such a bitter rut, especially after the COVID pandemic, not that everyone is making it out of their homes by not being so helpful and in good spirits, causing others, such as myself in a sour state. It does not feel good when you have been treated with the upmost respect. As an individual, it is not always about “me, me, me”, I am sure we have heard the phrase in some points in our lives, I know I have gotten it from my grandparents, when we get into a “woe it is me” tantrum, that “the world does not revolve around you.”

I have been working at the Salvation Army red kettle campaign as a bell ringer in Elyria for over 5 years now, and a stocking stuffer for Christmas for children who are not fortunate enough to have a Christmas for a year. Working for the Salvation Army, I would not trade it for the world, it is a rewarding experience. Not only am I helping those who are battling hardships every year, but be able to see the joy the families have, with relieving the burden from their shoulders in where the next meal, Christmas gifts, and money for their bills will be coming from simply volunteering at the kettles, alone. Volunteering humbled me in being blessed in what I have. Try making an impact by donating, and volunteering at your local contribution place.