

Sophie Meinhardt Memorial Scholarship 2011

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Something that I have done for someone else that was perfectly free of any personal gain was that I helped my best friend Jack Schuermann, who had a brain tumor. When we were little, he picked me to help him at school when he was first getting sick. The kinds of things that I helped Jack with, was if he ever needed to use the restroom, if he felt sick, if Jack needed help with his books, when we were packing our backpacks, and just to watch over him if he needed anything. When he was sick, he knew that he could rely on me for whatever he needed without me wanting anything in return. I knew Jack very well because our backyards were connected and I went to school with him from preschool to the third grade. Even when he was sick, and before he was, I would always spend time with him even if it was just to play or spend the night, not just because he was sick. Jack is my best friend.

This act of kindness brought Jack happiness because he didn't have to be worried but instead was happy knowing that he had a good friend that would do anything to help him when he was in need. Every time I was with Jack, he would always be smiling and that was when I knew that I had done everything that I could to make him feel better. Jack is my best friend and I will never forget him.