Learning by Witnessing & Doing

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Sometimes there are people who do things that make a difference in the world and if you look carefully, you can find them and learn from them. This is a story of a retired man in my old neighborhood named Bob Chase. He set an example for how to be a special member of the community. He was president of the neighborhood civic association, an elder in my church and he delivered meals to people in need in the Three Village community through the Meals on Wheels organization. He always said hello to me in Church and cared about what happened in my life. He was a great role model to me. Bob Chase died in the fall of 2013. On that one year anniversary of his death, I wanted to do something in his memory to thank his family for him doing all the things he did for people in need. I met with my pastor and youth group advisor and planned a fundraiser that also incorporated my interest in sports called, "Play it Again." I collected donations that consisted of lightly used sports equipment from people in the community and sold it to raise money and awareness for Three Village Meals on Wheels, Inc., in memory of Bob Chase. Sometimes it is easy to say what leadership, character and service are but it's another thing to witness it and try to do the same. Bob Chase showed me what leadership, character and service are in the real world through his actions. That’s what this story means to me. As far as the scholarship aspect of the National Honor Society, both my parents are educators. My mom is an elementary school teacher and my dad is a college professor and they are great role models for setting high academic standards, so learning, hard work and good grades are expected in my house. I hope to be accepted into the National Honor Society and continue to exemplify and improve upon the qualities of scholarship, leadership, service and character.