Helping Out

What do you do with your free time after school? Do you watch television? Do you play video games? Do you often feel bored and like there’s nothing to do? There are a thousand things you could do besides watching television. But I will point out one that may bring joy to you and others: volunteer work. You might be thinking to yourself, “Well, that’s a lousy idea! I’m only a kid! What could I possibly do?”

There are many things you can do. Look at your surroundings! Do you see trash along the streets in your neighborhood? Pick it up! Do you have an old box full of toys you no longer play with? Ask your dad or mom to take you and the toys to a homeless shelter that might need them.

Do you know some people who are getting older, who can’t move around the way they used to? No doubt they could use some help in their garden. You could destroy some pesky weeds. You could help spread out new soil. You could use a trowel to plant new flowers. You could make sure all of the plants have enough moisture, and water them if they don’t.

Maybe you have neighbors who work long hours who don’t have enough time to spend with their pets. You could offer to walk the dog and play with the cat. That is something you all would enjoy!

Volunteer work allows you to get out of the house and do something meaningful for others. Helping others will make you feel good. It isn’t much trouble, and it’s something you can be really proud of.