

“And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country,” – John F. Kennedy This famous quote by John F. Kennedy, our 35th president, encourages Americans to perform services to their country instead of asking what their country can do for them. In my opinion, the word service means to perform a helpful activity that is not required. There are many different types of service. One can perform a service to the whole world by raising money to save starving children or one can perform a smaller scale service by performing a simple chore for a neighbor. My Grandpa, Persons Name performs service on both a global and a personal level and that is why I chose to write my essay about him.

My Grandpa is a wonderful person who loves to give back to the community and world more than he likes to receive gifts and services from others. He is a genuinely kind and giving person and demonstrates acts of service of every level on a daily basis. An example of his service on a global level is his bike rides for charity. His goal is to ride his bike around the perimeter of the United States. He has ridden his bike across the northern, eastern, and southern borders of the U.S. and has only the west coast left to ride. My Grandpa's first ride, a Ride for a Reason, raised money for ALS and his second ride, a Ride for 3 Reasons, raised money for ALS, Hospice and cancer research. He asked for donations and held community events, which helped raise over \$500,000 for these three causes. Besides helping multiple worldwide organizations, my Grandpa also performs services on a smaller scale. An example of this is his intense involvement in Citizens for Conservation, an organization that performs services to help improve and preserve Barrington's beautiful wildlife. He works with the group every Saturday morning regardless of the weather. CFC performs services such as using discarded Christmas trees to build nests for birds on Baker's Lake in Barrington. A service that my grandpa has performed for me over the years is taking photographs at my sporting events. This is a service that I have especially appreciated as I will cherish these pictures forever.

My Grandpa means so much to me and is always there for me. He is a wonderful person and has taught me numerous, valuable life lessons. He didn't teach me these lessons by lectures but rather by his actions. The most important of these lessons is how he will be the first to sacrifice his own time to help others and ask for absolutely nothing in return. He will always perform these services with a genuine smile on his face and enjoy what he is doing