

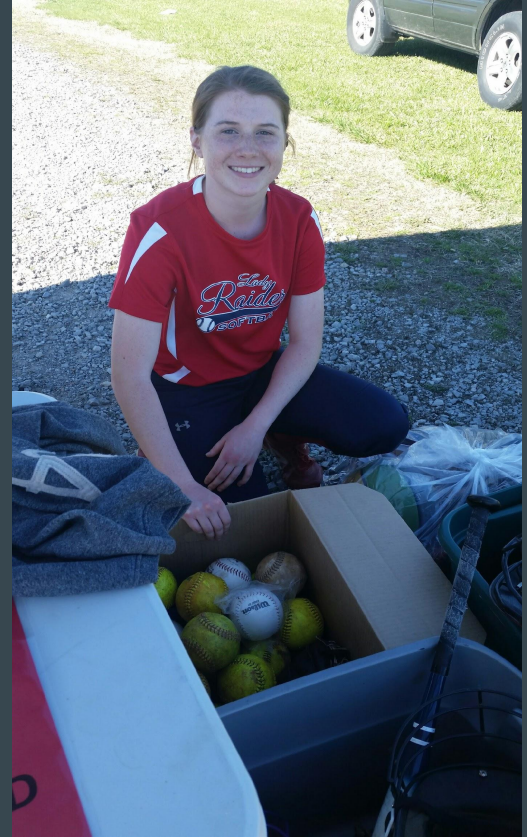
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MYP Community Project

How did my project help?

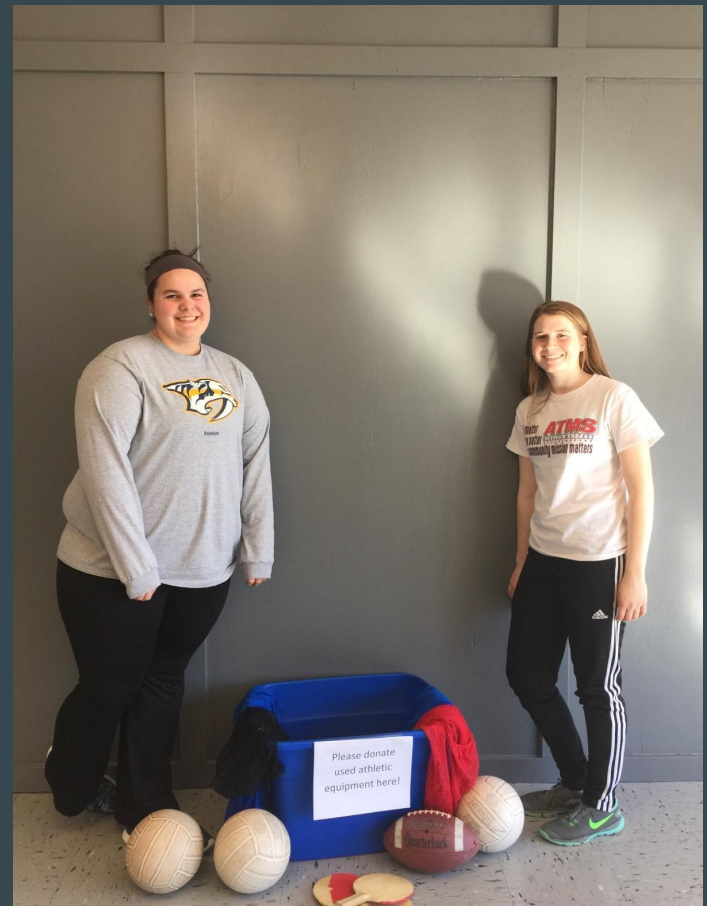
Playing softball has always been a huge part of my life. I've made so many friends and have become a better person through my experiences on the field. But, as we all know, all sports aren't cheap. I knew exactly what I wanted to do for this project from the start. I collected gently used sports equipment and donated it, because I wanted to give another kid a chance to experience the joy and camaraderie I feel when i'm on a team.



Here I am collecting some of the equipment

My Mentor:

My mentor was Katie Whetstone. Katie is the assistant softball coach and the high school. She also works at the community center across from the school. Katie has always been someone I looked up to and wanted to be like. She helped me spread the word about my project and what I wanted to do.



Katie Whetstone

Where did it go?

HYPE Mentoring is a nonprofit agency providing mentoring programs for middle and high school youth. The mission of the HYPE program is to Help Young People Excel in all aspects of (L.I.F.E.) by providing opportunities for Leadership, Inspiration, Fitness and Educational excellence. To fulfill its mission, HYPE provides mentors to at-risk and in-need students who need hope, guidance, academic accountability, and stable adult role-models. We financially support mentees' involvement in youth sports and extra-curricular activities, to promote health and wellness, and to cultivate a sense of belonging, accomplishment, and self-esteem.



Josh Jones receiving the sports equipment

Why was this project important?

Did you know? Mentored teens are...

46%...LESS LIKELY TO USE DRUGS

43%...LESS LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED FOR A CRIME

59%...MORE LIKELY TO GET BETTER GRADES

52%...LESS LIKELY TO SKIP SCHOOL



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