

Growing up, I didn't have much, so giving back to my community has always been important to me. One of my first experiences was volunteering at the same Breakfast with Santa event I once attended as a kid. Being able to give other kids that same joy made me realize how much I wanted to stay involved.

Throughout high school, I've completed over 100 hours of community service. I served as Key Club president for all four years, leading fundraisers like 5Ks, donation drives, and bake sales. We raised money for disaster relief and partnered with local organizations to support those in need. During my senior year, I was elected president of the National Honor Society, with the goal of getting more students involved in community service. Since then, participation has grown, and the impact of our events has become even stronger.

Food insecurity is a real issue in Port Chester, and for four years, I've worked with PC Hunger Fighters, a student-led group focused on fighting hunger in our community. One of the projects I'm proudest of is the Nourish Our Neighbors Food Delivery Program, where we deliver 150 bags of food each month to seniors living in local housing.

I also helped design the logo and branding for the Port Chester Middle School food pantry and organized events to help families access resources and feel supported.

These experiences have shown me how powerful community service can be when people work together. It's something I'll always be passionate about.