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*Volunteerism*  
*Leadership*  
*Collaboration*  
*Legacy*



## STORIES OF SERVICE

I take part in community service events and projects because I absolutely like giving back. From a very young age, giving back and helping others has been a passion of mine and as time has passed my passion for service has only grown. If I was to think of why I am so interested in service, I would definitely have to say my family upbringing. My parents loved to help out wherever they could, be it work, church, my school or the neighborhood. With them being so involved, I was often brought to different events and was able to see how helping others can be so fulfilling. Also, having two younger siblings helped me realize how self-less actions can truly touch someone personally. Through doing different types of community service projects I have developed a love and respect for people and their needs. At times, it is easy to only think about your problems, which may be an upcoming Statistics exam, while other people are struggle to sleep at night. Being involved definitely has helped me gain a new appreciation for life. One of the greatest experiences I have had while at Georgia College is being a Big Brother. Every week, I take care of my little brother DeAndre, his little brother KeAndre and their cousin Gabriel. I often just pick them up and take them to the playground, help them with homework if need be, play tennis with them, take them out to eat or just have them hang out with me around campus. I always strive to make sure that I am being a positive role model for them. It has been amazing being a Big Brother.

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