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Love

People say this as often as one coughs when sick: everyone needs love, yet, no matter how many times we say it, it is not stressed enough in our society. Why, one may ask. It is because we say it so often with so little meaning behind it. Love you, mom. I love you guys? These words have no meaning. Yet, no one can refuse the powerful work of love and no one can deny that love is one essential part of our lives. So, how do we express love? I have often pondered on this very question and to this day, I cannot answer it fully. However, I have covered a big step in the process of loving others and loving myself. I have found the power to love through volunteering. Especially in "TA work" – like what I am currently doing – do I find that loving comes naturally. I am currently in ninth grade, and as a teenager I have a right to express what every teenager will feel: It is hard to love ourselves let alone love others. In this hectic stage of life, I have found a way to love and to give. Volunteering helps pre-moms and pre-dads learn to take care of the old, the sick, the young, the Earth, and the community. By volunteering one way learn to love others, and take care of them, and thus, essentially, love themselves. I am certain being a good citizen will help me become a better person. I urge others to try it and take this big step to a new world with me. Someday, I will learn to love and to give and to be selfless. Until then, I will continue to search for the true way and meaning of love.