

What is a philanthropist? A philanthropist is someone who goes out of their way to help someone or does it on a daily basis for free. I know many people in my life who are philanthropists but I'm only going to talk about one. One person in my life who is a philanthropist is my mom.

People always joke with me that Mrs. Troyer is one of the most loved people at my school. If you know my mom you know she is the most loving, caring person who puts everyone first. My mom is an Instructional Assistant at South Putnam High School. You may think "How is that a job related to philanthropists?" I believe she goes above and beyond in her job that makes her one. She makes sure she has a supply of snacks for any kid in the school. This is not something she has to do. She does it because she wants to make sure no kid is ever hungry throughout the day. She wants to make sure kids have a snack before a test or if they have a bad day. She always listens to kids if they need her. I hear that a lot at school, "Your mom helps me out so much, your mom is good at making bad days better." She also volunteers to help with the volleyball team and basketball team. She is always there to help players learn and get better. The biggest thing she does is she takes pictures at football games and basketball games. She does not have to take pictures during these things. She doesn't get paid to do this and to travel to every game. When I ask her why she does it. She says "Not all players have family members who can take pictures. It's hard for parents to take pictures while watching the games. So, I just do it." I also can't tell you how many times my mom has bought a donut before school, or a drink or some candy. She tells me "it is one of my kids birthdays or one of my kids worked hard on a test." She is always rewarding her kids and celebrating them. Maybe the things my mom does aren't the biggest things a philanthropist can do but she is making an impact in our school and on the kids.

So many kids think of her like a 2nd mom. I have been asked before if I get jealous. Honestly, no I do not at all. I am so happy that so many other kids get to experience my mom and her heart. It makes me happy and proud when other kids stop me and say. "Is your mom Mrs. Troyer, she is the best. You are so lucky to have her as a mom" I know she is. My sister and I are so lucky to be raised by her and the kids at South Putnam are so lucky to have her.