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Philanthropy Essay Contest

Philanthropy is the act of sharing your time, talents, and resources to create a better life for people around you. It can be something big like donating thousands of dollars to those in need, or it can be as simple as helping a neighbor carry groceries. I feel fortunate to have a philanthropist close to me in my life: my dad, Isaac Case.

In 2010, my father moved to Greencastle. He was looking to live in a small, quiet town, and Greencastle was the perfect fit! Because he loved the town so much, he was searching for a way to give back to the community. That's when he stumbled upon the United Way of Central Indiana. This is a nonprofit organization that strives to improve the financial stability of families living in or near poverty. My dad saw this as a great chance to support the town, and he immediately joined.

Later that year my father was asked to help fund an organization to help youth tennis players. He thought this would be a great opportunity, especially based on his tennis and financial background. He worked persistently with a team of people to build the West Central Indiana Tennis Association. This is a nonprofit organization that focuses on providing youth tennis opportunities, equipment, and coaching to schools in West Central Indiana. He loves being part of an association that promotes the sport he has a passion for, and he enjoys the financial aspect of it too.

In May of 2020, my dad united with the Jack and Shirley Dalton Family Trust. A trust is a legal arrangement in which the grantor, in this case Jack Dalton, transfers assets to a trustee to manage and distribute to certain beneficiaries. As a board member, my dad manages Jack's money and finds people and causes to donate to. They have provided funding for local sports, nonprofit organizations, food pantries, and more. My father joined this trust because he is financially minded and likes to support local causes.

In the recent year of 2025, my father was elected to be a member of the Greencastle School Board. In this position, he helps oversee our school district by managing finances and making important decisions to help improve the school's educational and extracurricular components. He decided to join the school board so that he could participate in decision-making, provide financial oversight, and help students to become successful.

My dad has also donated thousands of dollars to sports teams and school fundraisers. He provides other people with his money, time, and skills, showing philanthropy in everyday life. He puts a lot of effort into improving the community as a whole and making the world a better place. He goes on to explain, "To me, philanthropy is not a duty but a privilege." My father really shows that he cares by giving his time and resources to those in need, which is why I feel he is a great example of a philanthropist.