Volunteering enables an individual to make a positive impact on his or her community, while empowering the individual to better his or her life. It lets us experience and learn things that we otherwise would not have learned; it opens doors for us that we may not have been able to open before and enables a person to develop new skills.

This summer I had the opportunity to volunteer in many different locations, from the local library to a chemist's, with an association called Rotary. It’s divided in two main parts: "Rotaract" for adults and "Interact" for people from 14 to 20 years old. Last year I joined in Interact like my sister did at my age and now I’m really happy and proud of my help to the community. One of my favourite experiences was in the chemist's. All the members of the association were divided into groups, each group worked in a chemist's around the city. We sold medicines to raise funds for poor children that don’t have any food or clothes. The result was brilliant: my group sold the highest number of products and we bought a lot of things to send to Africa. To conclude, volunteering at one of my city chemist's has been a great experience I am very proud of. By having to do with a lot of people, I became better at public speaking and am now more comfortable at starting conversations with people. In return, I was able to get more community members interested in this kind of service. I look forward to continuing my volunteer work at my city chemist's.

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