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Some people say that it's **civic duty** to "give back" to your community. That's true but for me, I want to do some **volunteer work** so that I can feel useful. I've been working at the same job for years and it's not at all **rewarding**. Yes, I **make good money**, but I never feel like I'm doing any good in the world.

When I was in college, I had dreams of changing the world. I wanted to work in a **non-profit** organization that did **relief work**, that helped woman and children **in need**, or that had an impact on **public policy**. I've begun to think again about those dreams and thought I might take **the first step** of doing some volunteering. Then, I can see if I like that kind of work and make some hard decisions.

I called an organization that helped **homeless** children. I told them about my education and experience, and they said they could use someone like me to do some **tutoring**. I filled out an **application** and was **fingerprinted** for a **background check**. A few weeks later, I met my student and I tutored her for the first time. It was a great experience. I wish I had