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My Life and Michael Rothberg's Legacy

My life reflects the legacy of Michael Rothberg in that I am always looking out for other people and try to help others whenever possible. Michael Rothberg was someone who donated to many organizations and committed his life to making the world a better, more caring place to live. I live a life that is similar to that of Michael Rothberg. For example, after my Bar-Mitzvah, I conducted a non-perishable food drive, collecting cans of food from my neighbors for those who need it the most. After collecting the cans, I dropped off all that I had collected at a local food pantry. It made me feel so fulfilled to know that I had acted to help those who are hungry. I am so used to waking up each day, knowing that I will be able to eat three meals, that it is easy to take this privilege for granted. However, I always keep those who are less fortunate than I on my mind. I strongly believe that everyone should live in safe, healthy, and welcoming conditions, and it is my hope that I can do my part to make this vision a reality. Yet it is not just humans who I try to help. As a child, I had my parents make a donation to Green Peace, an environmental organization, which works to preserve endangered species of animals in the wild, all across the globe. After reading about Michael Rothberg's life, and his endearing plight to always help those who are less fortunate, I am all the more inspired to make the world a better place, in any way that I can.

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Michael C. Rothberg Scholarship

Terrorism is one of the most crucial issues in the world today, and one that is causing chaos worldwide. All countries around the world must work together to find a solution to this epidemic. The United States has made great strides in the effort to combat terrorism since 9-11. For example, the Patriot Act was passed which gives the CIA and the FBI the power to tap phone conversations and search homes if they have reason to believe that suspicious activities are taking place. Unfortunately, we are still a long way away from eliminating the threats of terrorism completely, but if we are committed and determined enough, then we can find a solution once and for all.

One action that countries could take to eliminate terrorist threats is to invest more money into the training of civilian security personnel. This would greatly enhance the image of the civilian security industry, as it would make it a more attractive career choice for young people who are dedicated and committed to making the world a safer place to live. Government funding should also be increased in the area of security technology, as we must be willing to constantly invest in improving our security equipment. This would help in the detection of potential terrorists, who may be caught on surveillance video cameras in airports or other public places. This method has worked in the past and the government of the United States has been successful in foiling many terrorist plots in this fashion.