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One of my main goals in life is to become a Rehabilitation Engineer so I can create mobility assistive devices that are accessible in terms of expense. Learning about the philanthropy Michael did for causes he believed in has really made me think about how I can relate this passion to the organizations I already fundraise for: the Arthritis Foundation and NEADS World Class Service Dogs, the opportunities for which already seem expansive. Since I have a service dog of my own, I know that they can pick up pretty much anything, but sometimes mobility devices are really heavy and hard to carry for the dog. Michael has gotten me thinking that maybe I can work with NEADS to design mobility assists that can still do what is needed at the same level of excellence, but which can be lighter or broken down into easier to carry pieces. Also, I could collaborate with the Arthritis Foundation in creating my devices so that they are easier to use and not as hard on joints as this can accelerate damage already present due to the disease. These are things I had never thought about before going through the process of applying for this scholarship and learning about Michael's legacy, so I can definitely qualify it as an inspiration for how I can incorporate philanthropy into my future goals.