

As I was leaving a presentation on the Year of Mercy at St. Mark's Parish in April, I was handed a note by one of the planners. I opened the envelope and saw that two crisp \$100 bills had been included. Instinctively, I thought the money was for "bus passes" that kind parishioners often provide for the Healy Murphy students and I smiled in gratitude. When I read the note later I discovered that the money was meant to be used as seed money for my students to design a "work of mercy" in honor of this holy year. I must admit that I feared that the timing for this project, being so close to the end of the school year, might doom it to a less than generous response.

I stand completely corrected and forever transformed by this magnanimous offer. Each of my English III (juniors) students designed a plan for how they could do the most loving deed with that \$200. For many of them, it was difficult because their own needs and the needs of their families are so immediate but each of them reached down to the true essence of mercy and created a plan of extravagant kindness for those who are on the edges of the grid of attention.

Their targets included:

- the homeless who spend their days under the 1-37 bridge,
- the teachers, staff, and students of Healy Murphy,
- Children who are hospitalized,
- Residents at Haven for Hope,
- San Antonio Fire Department and Boys' and Girls' Clubs,
- Patients receiving dialysis,
- Mothers of newborns and toddlers,
- Shoes for those who walk long distances to work,
- Animal care and Environmental concerns,
- Textbooks for a student at St. Philip's College.

In order to stir up some enthusiasm for the project I designated a prize for the two best projects. The second prize was for a project that would give roses to abused women. The first prize went to the most impractical and risky yet most merciful suggestion. I include Anthony Ross' plan in his own words:

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## Rationale

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## Plan

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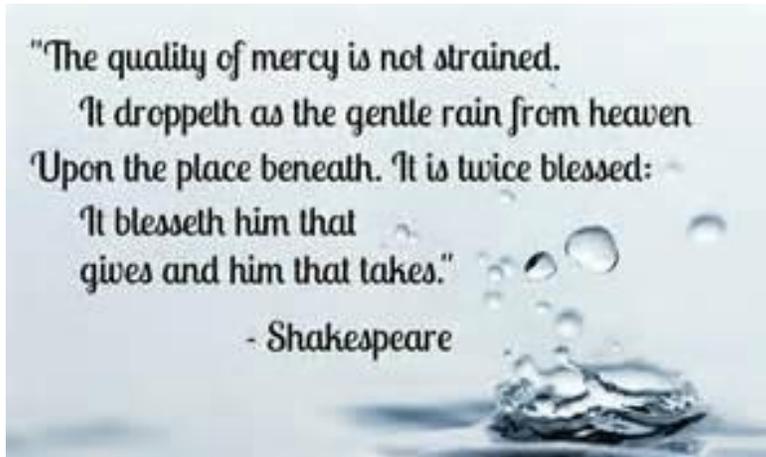
If I had \$200, I would buy her a "Crossed Paths Friendship Necklace" from *James Avery* for \$120 to remind her that even though she's in a tough situation, she still has a friend like me that cares for her. The rest I would give to her as spending money. I don't even know her name. — Anthony Ross

The following week Anthony showed me a picture of himself and his beneficiary wearing her necklace and beaming with the kind of grace that no money could buy. The story is not over yet.

I sent all of the students' plans to the kind woman who untapped the flow of mercy in my students, yet wanted to remain anonymous. Within days, she hand delivered notes to some of the students and an outline for future projects and **20 more \$100 bills**. She trusts that the Healy Murphy students know the faces and stories of those who most need to taste God's mercy "like rain on their faces".

The word "mercy" has become one of the most popular words at Healy Murphy during these last weeks of the spring semester thanks, to this noble woman who trusted students she does not even know to be conduits of money and mercy. Mercy truly does "twice bless" as Shakespeare said.

— Sister Mary Fagan



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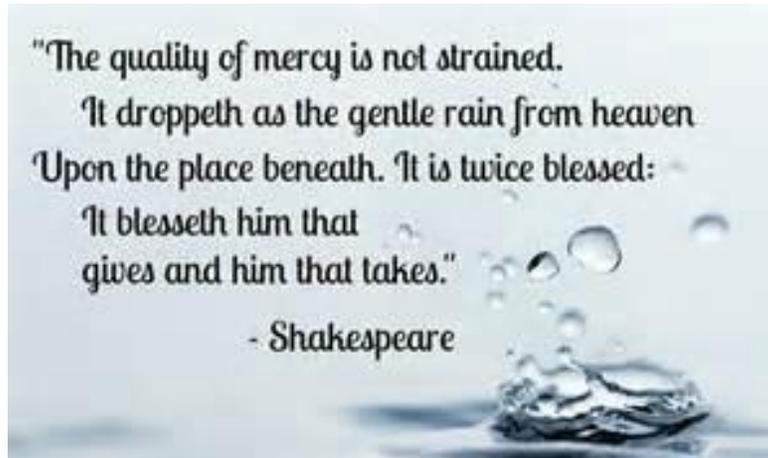
**Rationale:**

There are a lot of unfortunate people in the world that suffer day by day for food or even a warm place to sleep. Not everyone can provide for their families on an everyday basis. We should do our part and at least help them out in any way possible. With \$200 we could help these people out with a ten dollar gift card to Walmart. Since Walmart sells food and other things like clothes it would be better than HEB or any other store. These gift cards should be given out to the single mothers that are job-less. I would find them at the Women's Shelter.

**Plan:**

All I have to do is go to Walmart and buy 20 ten dollar gift cards. The hard part is picking who gets them. I believe it should be the single mothers that are struggling because they do not have a job. Ten dollars isn't a lot but it's something that will help them out with at least a couple of things.

Gino Garcia



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**Rationale:**

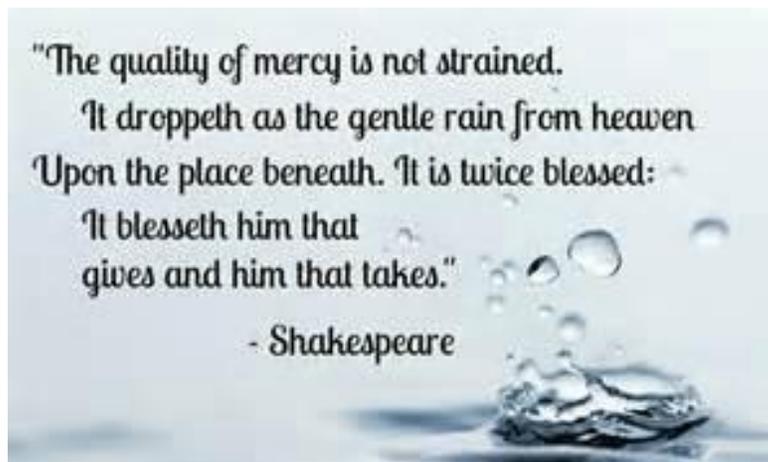
During the holidays kids don't always get gifts because their families have a low income and I want to put a smile on their faces and help out. These children see lots of kids around them getting presents and I want them to feel included. I wouldn't want to know how it feels to struggle and they deserve to have us bring joy in their lives. They're young and the way they live isn't their fault so they deserve a lot more than they get. Some of them don't even have clothing to wear or shoes so, the simple things make them happy. Doing something for someone else will bring more joy to my heart than it would probably bring them because bringing someone joy brings me joy.

**Plan:** I would really want to donate \$200 to "Toys for Tots" for all the children that are struggling and need cheering up. I would have to get a money order for \$200 then send it to Toys for Tots.

The address is:

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation  
The Cooper Center  
18251 Quantico Gateway Drive  
Triangle, VA 22172-1776

Gina Aragon

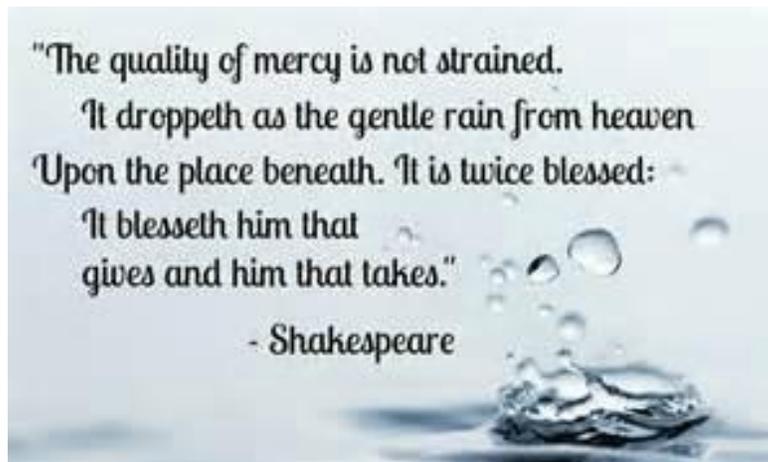


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**Rationale:** With the \$200 I would buy all the teachers at Healy Murphy Center Krispy Kreme donuts and fresh cups of coffee. The teachers at the Healy Murphy Center do so much for all of their students. They take time out of their day to come to this school and help us get our lives back on the right track and to help us graduate from high school. I personally appreciate everything this school does for us and all the opportunities we have at this school. That is why I would spend the \$200 on them.

**Plan:** Krispy Kreme donuts are \$7.99 (plus 1.99tax) for a dozen donuts. I would buy nine dozen donuts that will come out to \$89.82. I would also buy them their own large cup of coffee. There are 31 teachers and staff members at Healy Murphy. One large cup of coffee is \$1.89 (plus .50 tax) so that would come out to \$77.19. Altogether that would come out to \$167.01. After all of that I would have \$32.99 left over. With what I have left over I would order five "Meat Lovers" pizzas from Domino's Pizza. A medium Meat Lovers pizza is \$5.99 each. The total would come out to exactly \$29.95. With the rest I would get two gallons of sweet tea which comes out to a total of \$3.03. That is what I would spend the \$200 on to show the school I appreciate all the hard work of the teachers and staff.

Neshell Brown



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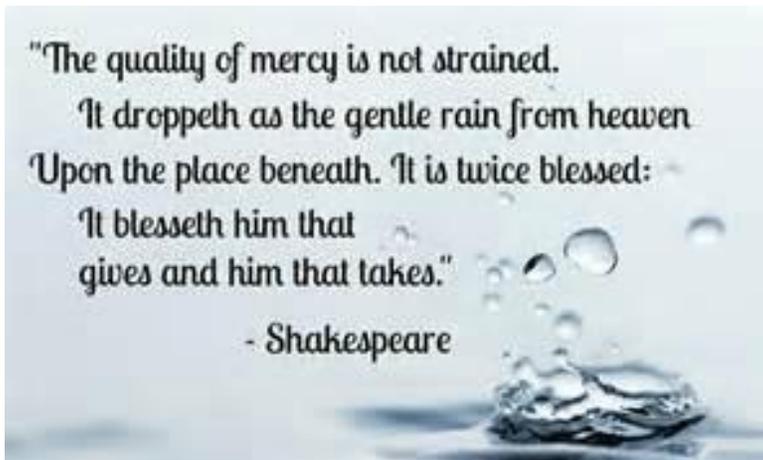
Given \$200 I would like to do an act of kindness for children with cancer. Every day 4 families are approached by their doctor stating that their children have that condition. Every child has a different story but all live life everyday struggling for a blessing. I have a daughter of my own and it would be a tragedy for her to be diagnosed with any type of cancer. A very close relative of mine passed away seven years ago and that is why I sympathize towards this subject. For the ones going through the toughest battle I would like to give a care package. It wouldn't alter their lives but it would bring a smile to their faces. I would spend \$10 dollars on each care package. I'm leaving out \$20 dollars out for taxes. I would get to get care packages for 18 children.

**Plan:** I would make a call to Children's Hospital San Antonio and schedule a good day for visitation to give the care packages.

Address: 333 N Santa Rosa St, San Antonio, TX 78207

Phone number: (210)704-2011

Amber Solis



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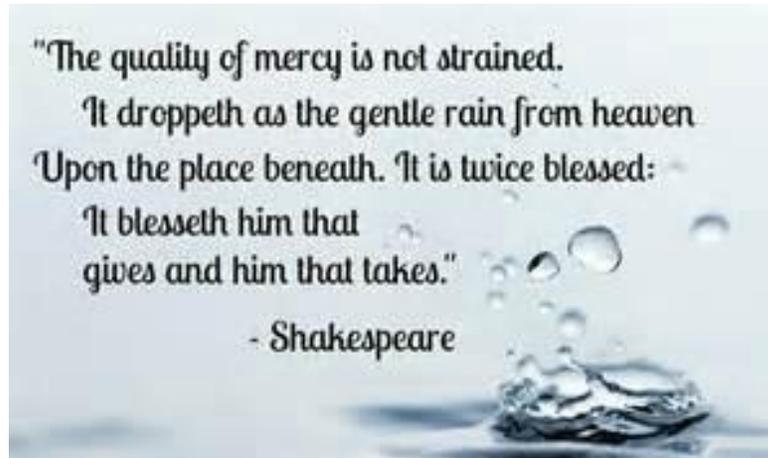
Rationale:

So many children and parents in San Antonio are homeless. They feel as if there is no hope and never know where their next meal is. We may not be able to open our homes to them but we can open our hearts to them. When you help others not only do you give them hope but you feel better as a person. When we get involved you get this feeling that makes you want to help out more and make an even bigger difference. When you get involved it makes other want to help too which can change lives. It just starts with you.

Plan:

I would like to buy 18 toys for the children at *Dollar Tree*: nine toys for the girls, and nine toys for the boys. This would come out to \$19.26 so it's \$20. I have \$180 left. Next I would go to an HEB and buy 18 \$10 gift cards. With these gift cards the children will be able to buy what's needed. This will give them a chance to be kind as well. The last thing I would like to do is make a little card with an inspiring message for these people. Even though they feel as if they have no one, they are not alone. I see them.

Faythe Jasso



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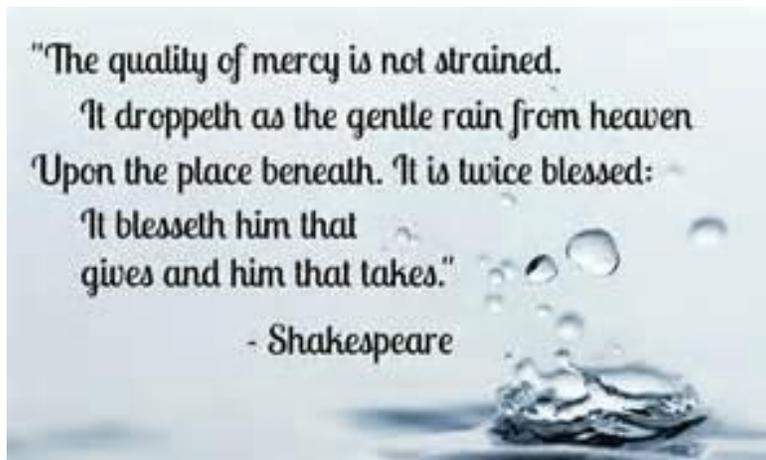
### **Rationale:**

If I could help change something in my community I would start by helping the homeless people by giving them food. If I was given the chance to help people with \$200, I would want to help the homeless because they are homeless. I see them everywhere asking for help, but they ask for help in their own type of way so they can feel like they still have some dignity in them.

### **Plan:**

I would buy 15 large thin crust pizzas from "Domino's" which would be 14" (about 210"). It would come out to \$191.44 with sales tax. That would come out to 240 pieces of pizzas. I would give each person at least two slices. That would come out to helping at least 120 people who would not have to starve themselves that night. I would have about \$8.56 left to buy about four 2 liter bottles of sodas for \$6.50 with sales tax. After buying something to drink I will have \$2.06. I would buy enough cups for 120 people so they can have something to drink. If I have to add a couple dollars of my own money so I can have enough money to buy the cups, I would. This is how I would try to help my community if I had the chance to help my community with \$200.

Cat Macias



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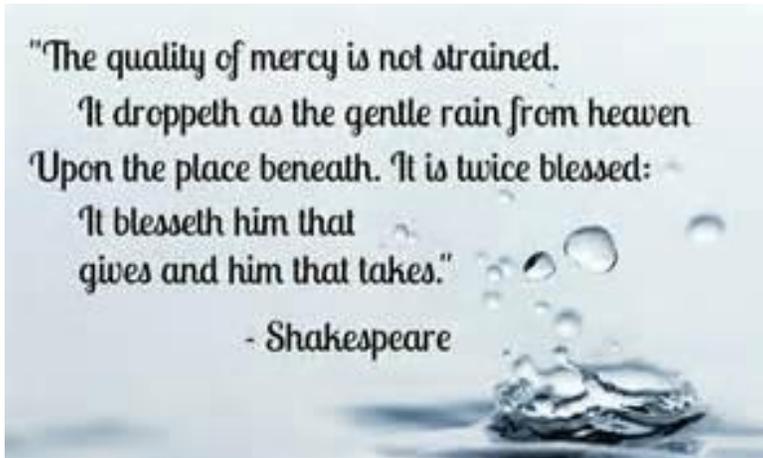
### Rationale:

With the money we got entrusted to us I want to get a couple people from our school and spend some time on a Saturday distributing items to help the homeless. The reason I picked to help the homeless is because every day I walk under the bridge near our school. I see many people who have no food, showers, jobs, or homes. This breaks my heart.

### Plan:

- First, I will make a poster seeing who wants to help the homeless
- Second, we will purchase twelve 10-piece travel kits for girls and twelve for men. The kits will include conditioner, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, deodorant, floss, the cosmetic bag and the zip top bag and for the men it will include: shave Cream, A/P Deodorant, 2 in 1 Shampoo + Conditioner, Gillette Pivot Plus Twin Blade Razor, Mouthwash, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Zip Top Bag and Travel Bag.
- Third: This will come out to \$115.10 including tax. There is free shipping too. With the rest of the money which is \$84.90 we will purchase snacks to give to the homeless who don't have any food like for example: bananas, crackers, cookies, and fruit.
- We will try to get more people to donate things to help us. To do this we will make posters asking for donations to help the homeless.

Jazmin Vargas



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**Rationale:**

With the \$200 we have for this project, I know what we can do for a good cause. What I want to do is design a way to show women that they are respected. The ones that men couldn't live without are often victims of mistreatment. Nowadays, far too many boys/men don't have respect any more for women and it's sad because I was raised to always put ladies first. In this disappointing generation it seems more like guys are first. If I could I would make every guy who disrespected a woman learn his lesson the hard way.

**Plan:**

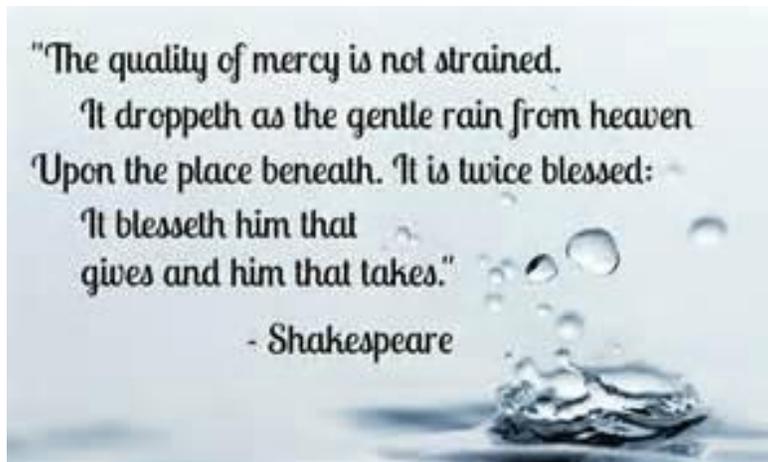
I had an idea for the women at Haven for Hope who have been abused or mistreated. I will get 12 dozen roses at *Target*. I would want to give one to every woman and tell them that good is still around and that I'm trying to spread it around to others. All women and all my women that I have around me should be treated very nicely and should never be disrespected in any way. If they are it's one of my pet peeves to see a man do it because I have seen it before and it can be brutal.

\$16.99+ = 1 dozen roses

12 x 16.99=203.88 (I have the rest of the money)

12 dozens = 144 roses

Brandon Medina



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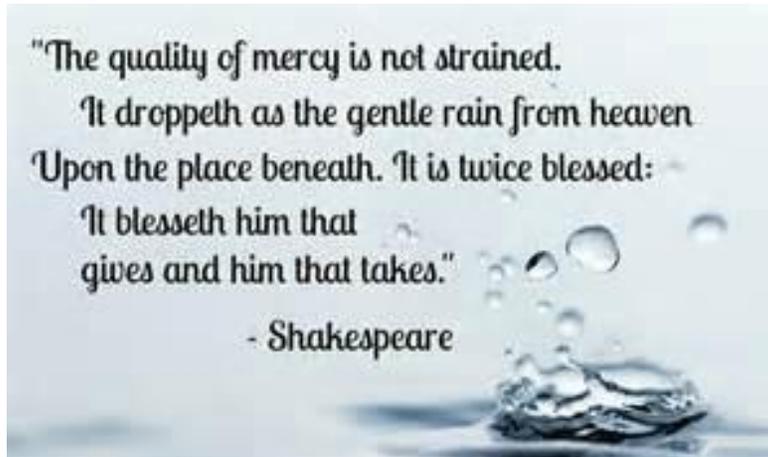
### **Rationale:**

In today's economy it's hard to work, to go to school and to take care of your kid(s) all at the same time. As a young parent myself I know how hard it is to do all of that and still be okay, to wake up the next morning and do it all over again. But some of today's females are out on the streets trying to make money to keep their kids fed or with light and water at home. Seeing a lady struggle like that is the worst feeling ever because I wouldn't want to be in that position and I don't want anybody else to be either.

### **Plan:**

I would go and look for the lady that stands at the corner of Zarzamora and Guadalupe with her head down and let her know this \$200 is from everyone who believes she can make it in life through all the struggles, without running away from the problem. I would tell her to just remember that her problems shouldn't scare her; her thoughts should never hunt her. \$200 can keep her lights on and still feed her kid(s) for a while. \$125 can go to CPS just to keep it on for another month. The last \$75 can go towards food or pampers that she would need for her babies.

Amberrose Salais



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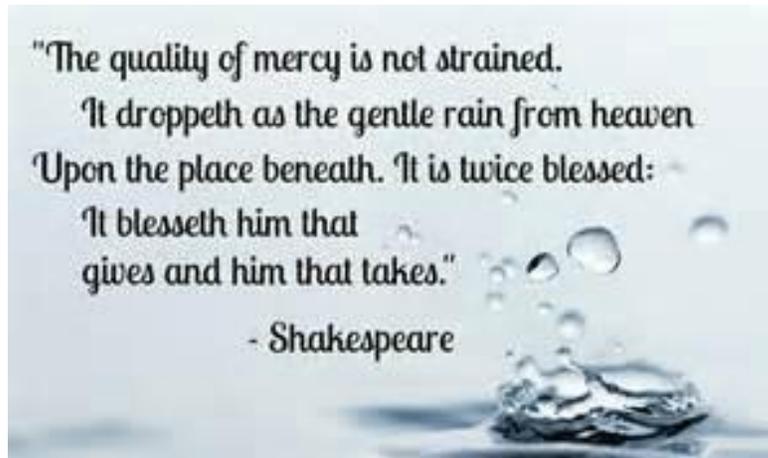
Yesterday I was at HEB and I saw a little girl about seven years old. She was sick with cancer. I overheard her telling her mom that she wished she had more toys for when she was in the hospital. She was saying how she gets bored there when she is not exhausted from chemo therapy. I told my mom and she asked the girl if she would like to get something that she can play with while she is at the hospital. The little girl grabbed a Barbie set and began telling my mother "Thank you". She looked so happy to have something new to play with. The girl's mother also thanked my mother and began telling the little girl's story. She said that she would like to do more for her daughter but she is a single mother who barely can pay her bills.

### Plan:

With the \$200 that I receive I would like to grab a bunch of party equipment and go to The Children's Hospital of San Antonio and throw a party for the kids. I feel that people only think of the kids on special occasions like Christmas but I would like to do a summer themed party to show that we do think about them all-year round. I would use the \$200 to buy Cake, Ice Cream, Toys, Snacks, Decorations, and stuff of that nature.

I estimate that with the \$200 I would be able to buy two cakes, one chocolate and the other regular and a big tub of ice cream. This would come out to about \$55. I would buy about \$60 worth of hot dogs, burgers and chips. I would use the remaining \$85 on toys and decorations and I will even be willing to make up the difference out of my pocket.

Akeem Pryor



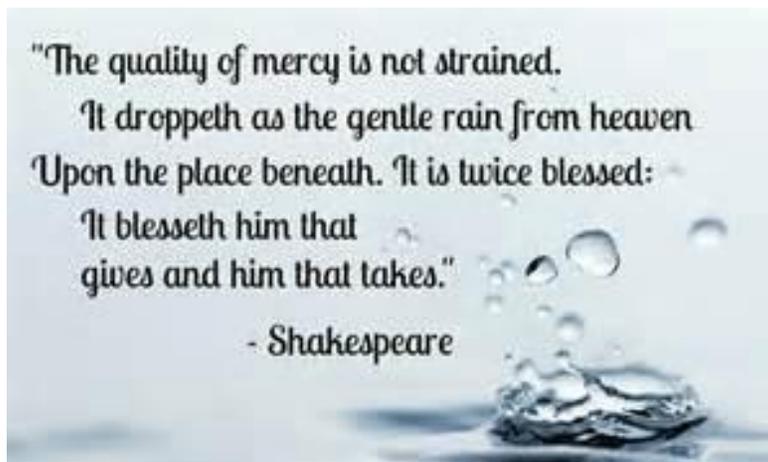
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Rationale:

I practically spent the first three years of my life in the hospital. I was even there on holidays like Christmas, Easter, etc. But the thing that made my day once was when a man came into my room and started making balloon animals and magic tricks. At the end he gave me a toy car and told me to get well. It made one of my days in the hospital memorable and I want to do the same for a young patients.

Plan: My act of kindness would be to buy 80 \$1.00 *Hot Wheel* cars for the boys and 80 \$1.00 *Shopkins* for the girls. They can all be bought at Walmart or HEB. I will take them down to the Children's Hospital so that all the children who are sick can receive a toy with a "Get Well Soon" note on the back of the toy.

Matthew Miller



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**Rationale:**

People don't recognize how hardworking our San Antonio Fire Department is so I think they need more appreciation. They rush to wherever there's a fire or to wherever there's a car accident to insure our safety. They put their lives at risk just to make us safe and I want them to see how grateful I am for devoting themselves to making our world a better place to live. Every day after school I take the bus to go to the Nursing Home off of Howard Street and I always pass by the fire department. I always see them at H-E-B buying their groceries and all their necessities.

**Plan:**

I would want to donate the \$200 H-E-B card to the San Antonio Fire Department. I would go to H-E-B and load the card with the money and then I would go drop it off at the fire department.

The fire department address is:  
503 W Russell Pl, San Antonio, TX 78212

Janice Cantu



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Rationale:

With \$200 I would go downtown and help out the homeless. Every time I go downtown I always see so many people in need, asking for spare change, even some sleeping on benches. It breaks my heart to see that because it makes me appreciate all that I do have right now in my life. It's time to give a blessing to someone else.

Plan:

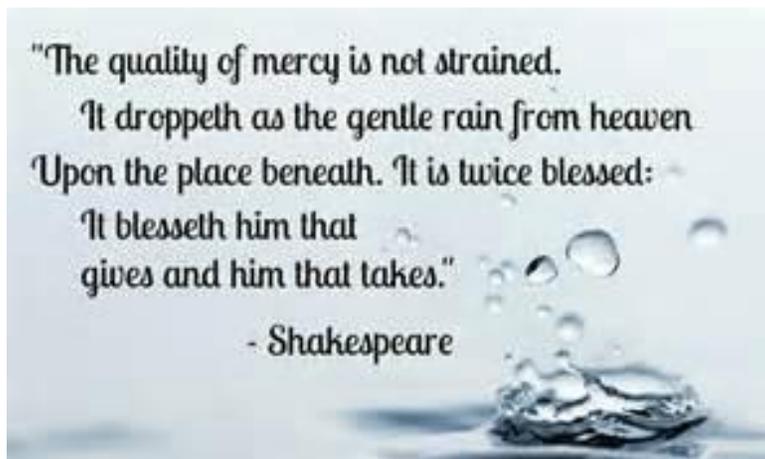
I would go to Walmart and buy VISA gift cards and put money on them. Then I would go downtown and look for the people that seem most in need and pass them out. That's not all though. I would also like to pass out a coffee with a box of munchkins from Dunkin Donuts. It would give them the opportunity to eat and to get themselves five people's lives.

Munchkins 50 Pc. \$10.00 x5 = \$50.00

Visa Gift Card (\$25 each) x5 = \$125.00

X-Large Coffee x5 (\$2.80) = \$14.00

Jenessa Flores



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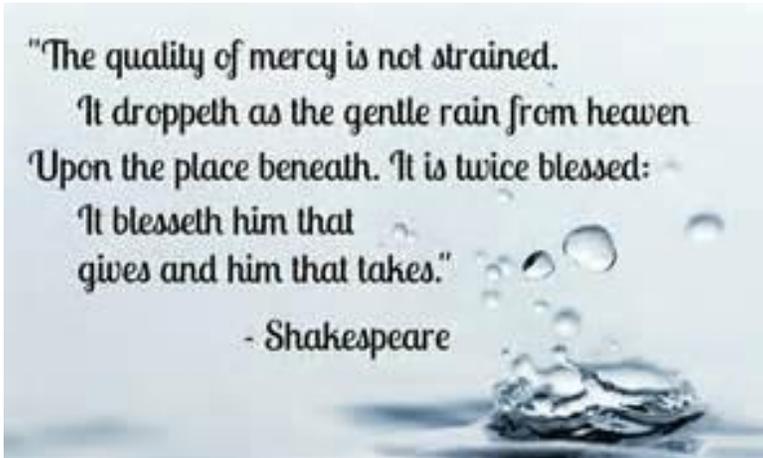
### Rationale

There are many different ways to help someone. Two hundred dollars being provided could help with a bill or groceries for someone and their family. Doing something for someone else could mean the world to that person and it can also teach you kindness, and show you how great it would feel to help someone who isn't your family.

### Plan

My plan with my two hundred dollar budget would go to the people at Fersenius Kidney Care Central San Antonio, on 305 Frio Street. I would use it to buy fifteen, five dollar, fleece blankets from (Five Below) for patients attending. For the blankets it would come out to a total of \$75 plus tax. With the remaining \$125, I think it'd be great to get Adult Coloring books. For the fifteen Adult coloring books, it would come out to a total of \$65 plus fifteen boxes of 8 count crayons, which would come out to another \$29.10. With the remaining total of \$35.90 I would use it to get six Puzzle cubes at a total of \$35. In the end it would help the patients who spend long hours sitting in a chair all day, have something to make the time pass by a lot quicker.

Evangeline Faz



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**Rationale:**

As a young single mother myself, I know young mothers or fathers, or maybe even both parents struggle every day and cannot afford the things they need for their child(ren). I know because I experience it all the time. My goal is to give a newborn who really needs it basic items like pampers, wipes, and bottles. I will ask the counselor at Healy Murphy to recommend someone who needs this help. I will give the items to the counselor who will in turn give it to the needy mother. I will never know who I helped.

**Plan:**

I would spend the two hundred dollars in the following way;

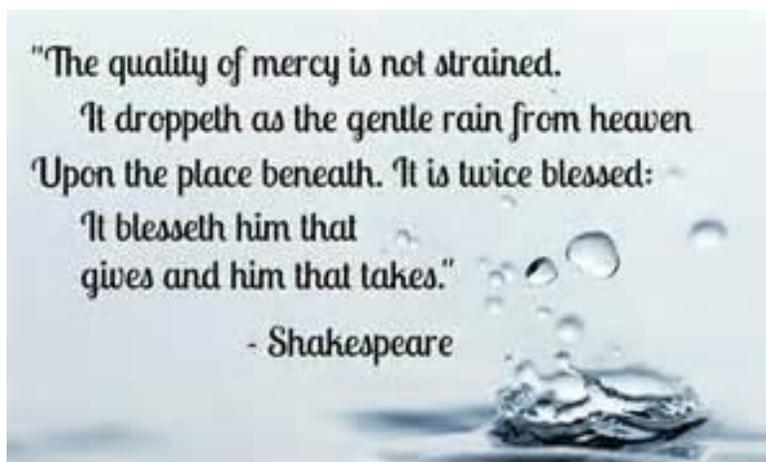
Buy "Parents Choice" pampers which are \$5.97 each and size package includes the sizes newborn, one, two, and three. The newborn pack comes with forty-two pampers, size one comes with forty-eight pampers, size two comes with forty-two pampers, and size three comes with thirty-six pampers. I will buy four of each size pack. (\$104)

Buy two boxes of "Parents Choice" wipes which are \$13.47 each. The box will include eight packages of wipes in each box. Each wipe package comes with one hundred wipes.  
(\$28.00)

Buy "Parents Choice BPA Free" bottles which are \$2.87 each. Each bottle set comes with either three five ounce bottles or three nine ounce bottles. I will buy four sets of five ounces and four sets of nine ounces.  
(\$56.00)

The items will cost about \$188 and I will have about \$12 left. Each bundle deal will come with one pack of pampers either with size newborn, one, two or three, one pack of wipes, and a set of bottles. This will make sixteen bundle deals.

Jazlyn Sanchez



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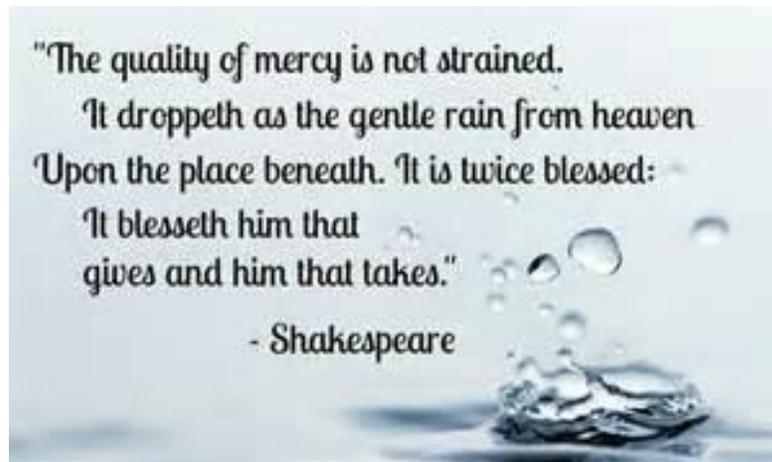
### Rationale

A few years ago I had this summer job where I would clean houses with a friend of mine. I really needed the money and it was the only job that would take me because I was too young at the time. The only problem was that it was way too far. I have to say it was twelve miles at the least and we did not have any rides because the job was in the afternoon so our parents were already working. We had that job for about a month and a half. It was really rough walking that far every day, especially having to go through two pairs of shoes within the month. After going through all that, I came to realize that the walk itself was way harder than what I was getting paid for and when I was told about this project, I instantly knew what to do. What I did only lasted a month, but there are tons of people who do that for a living.

### Plan

I know that I cannot aid everyone, especially with only two hundred dollars, but hear me out. What I would do with that money is buy as many pairs of shoes as I possibly can, and give them out to the people who can't afford their own. I have lots of friends who work at shoe stores, so I can easily get at least six pairs for under fifty dollars. There is also this store that sells three pairs for twenty five.

Carlos Pedraza



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**Rationale:**

With the \$200 I have for this project. I would go to the animal shelter and I would donate all of the money there. I would donate to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to put an end to animal abuse and neglect and to make a difference for animals. I am a huge animal lover. As an animal lover, I couldn't imagine my baby Scooby going through anything half of what animals go through all over the world. I would do anything for him.

**Plan:**

The first thing I would do is call to San Antonio Pets Alive so that they know I'm on my way. Then I would go the shelter and give them the money. Here is how the money will help.

\$15-Provides a heating pad to keep a kitten or parvo puppy warm

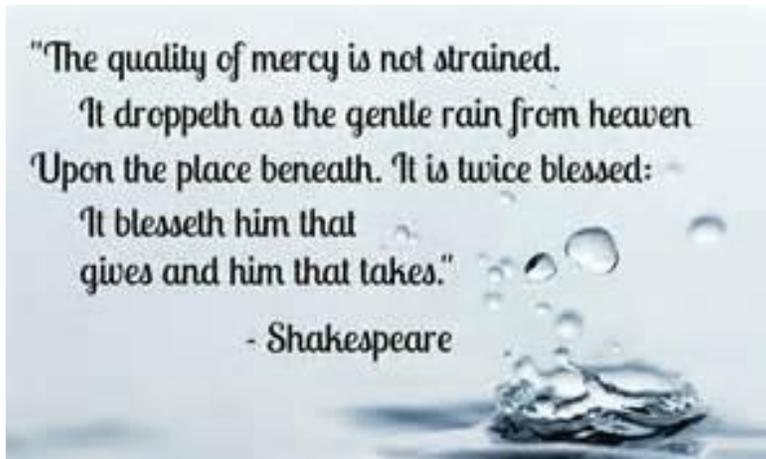
\$25 - Pays for a microchip, which helps return a lost pet to its home

\$40 - Can purchase a bag of quality dog food to keep our foster dogs healthy and well-fed

\$100 - Provides the milk needed each month to feed a litter of kittens

\$150 - Funds the care and basic treatment for SAPA! to rescue one animal.

Antonia Aguero



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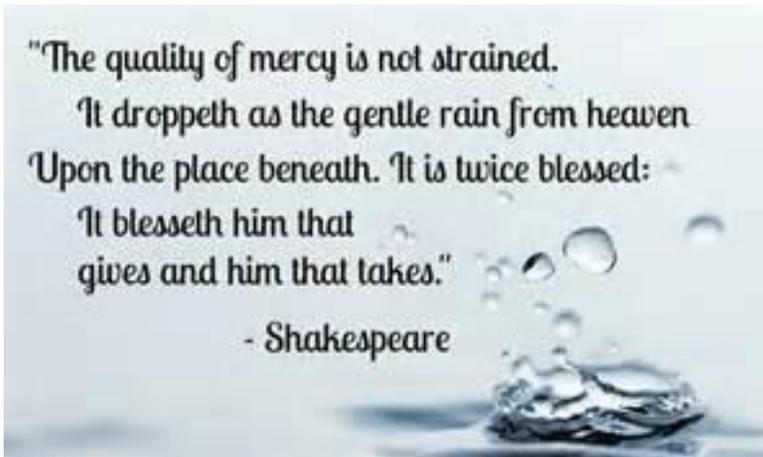
Rationale:

I would like to have a party at the Boys & Girls Club on Martin Luther King Dr. with 60 children to show them that being in the club is an awesome thing and could bring many opportunities and open up many doors. I also want to show them that staying in school is the way to go. The Boys & Girls Club offers many scholarships for students who make straight A's and other achievements. Just having someone to show them that their hard work doesn't go unnoticed would be a big accomplishment for me. Sometimes putting a smile on someone else's face brightens the whole world up. I am acquainted with one of the employees there.

Plan: Starting off with \$200

- Paper Plates= \$4.20 ( count of 100 )
- Brownie Bites=\$3.78x5 ( count of 12 in one container)
- Hefty Scrap Trash Bags=\$4.34
- Case of Lemonade=\$4.47xS ( 12 PACK)
- Journal=\$0.77x6( each)
- Pens= \$3.99x6 ( 10 pack)
- Chips= \$1
- Mini Oreos = \$4.47X5 ( 12 PACK)

Chantel Fomey



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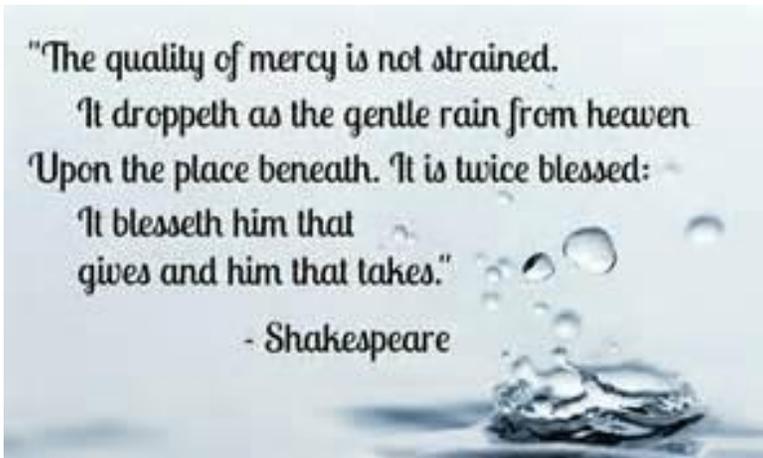
### Rationale:

Most of San Antonio's produce in the supermarkets is grown with chemicals, such as herbicides, insecticides and fungicides. I wish to support a community garden or group of activists who wish to do better for not only the environment, but for the community. I want it to benefit those who wish to live a healthier lifestyle and those who wish to do better for environment.

### Plan:

There is a non-profit environmental organization called Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas; it supports plenty of gardens around San Antonio. They share many of my ideas about the environment, such as preserving land and water resources. They wish to educate children about why it is important to preserve land, grow plants and to protect the environment. Another goal of theirs is to support pollinator species and biodiversity of the ecosystem, which is important, because without bees and other insects to pollinate plants then there would be no reproduction and growth of new flowers and trees. I wish to donate the money to this organization to help support their cause in hope to help not only Mother Nature, but the people of San Antonio. A donation of two hundred dollars would help to buy seeds, plants, tools or anything beneficial to the organization.

Eric Orquiola



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Rationale:

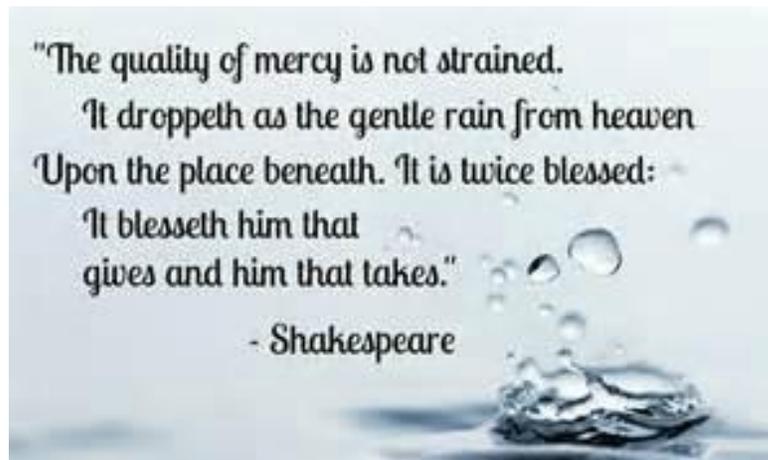
What I plan on doing with the \$200 given to us is to plan a movie day for all the sick children in the hospital so that they get a chance to do something different for a day. They will get a chance to eat some treats and, watch movies, to take their minds off the pain they are going through. The reason I want to do this is because I wouldn't want to go unacknowledged if I were sick in the hospital.

Plan:

How I plan to make this happen is to gather the movie, "The Lion King". I will take it over to the hospital to watch with them, along with treats such as boxes of fruit snacks, and a variety of actual fruits. What I also plan on doing is buying nice little get well cards that let the children know that there are people out there who do care about their wellbeing. How I will spend the \$200 is:

- 10 packs of fruit snacks cost \$43.80
- 5 fruit trays cost: \$92.01
- 64 get well soon cards cost: \$64. This will leave me with 1 cent left.

Oscar Campos



*Healy-Murphy Center's*  
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Rationale:

.Since I work at *Big Lou's Pizza* on W. W. White Rd. I propose that we could have a party for our seniors and all our students that have perfect attendance during the last week of school to show them that we are proud of what they have earned.

Plan:

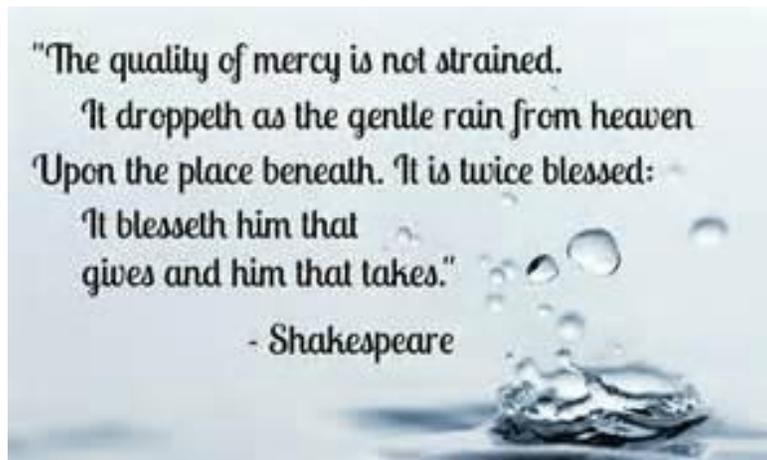
We could buy two 42" pizzas. The price of each one is \$73.09. We all can share and we will still have money for six 2 liter sodas at 2.99 (plus tax) each. We can buy three different flavors. Plus, I get a 20 discount so we can have enough for everybody.

We can transport the students there in the school vans and even have gas money to go there and come back.

We can have fun and put worries out of our minds and we can have conversation and spend time together as a family because we are a unit We really are a family.

Cost of Pizza ... $2 \times 73.09 = 146.18$   
Cost of Drinks .. $6 \times 2.99 = 17.94$   
Total (Tax not included) ..... 164.12

Manuel Rivas



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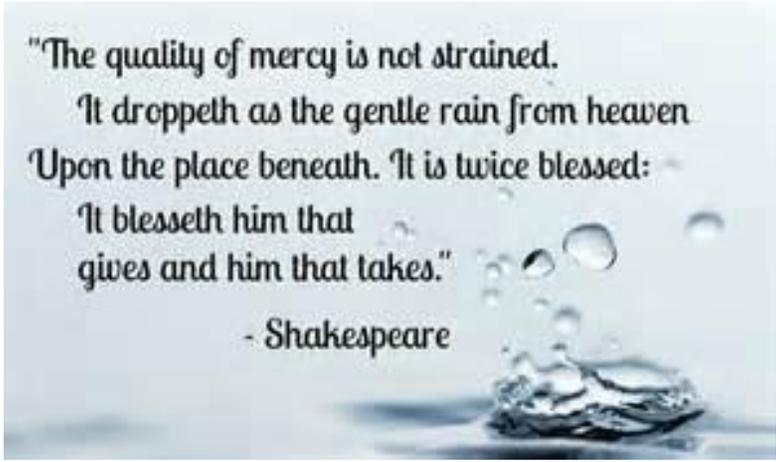
### Rationale:

I walk from Broadway to school every day. During my walk I see people asking for money so they can buy food. Instead of giving them money I want to give them sandwiches with the money that was given to me for this deed. Also I am an employee at *Subway* and there is a possibility of getting a discount.

### Plan:

With the \$200 that will be given to me for doing good I intend to buy 30 6" *Subway* sandwiches and 30 bags of chips and 30 bottles of water. I have calculated how many sandwiches I can buy with just \$200. I will also ask faculty members and maybe a couple of students if they can help me so I can get this done faster and they can eat quicker. There is also a problem for me with feeding them during the week days. I have school and on Tuesdays they get fed under the bridge. I was thinking Friday evening would be a good time to give them their food and I can do it after school.

Oscar Reyes



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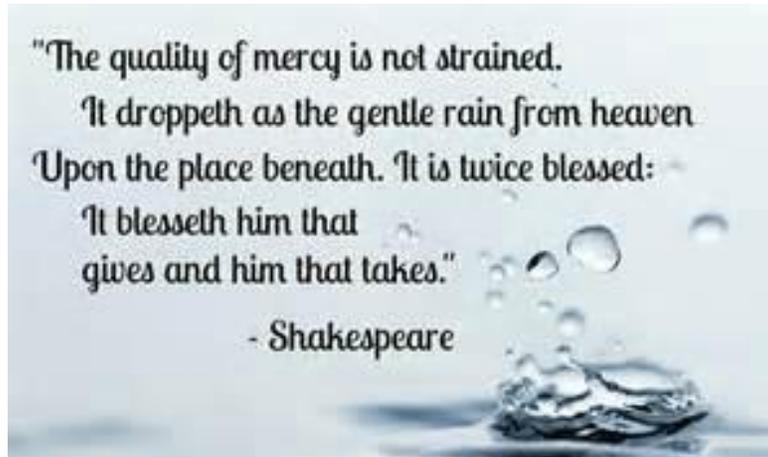
**Rationale:**

I would like to help homeless people. I want to show them that someone cares for them even if they don't have anyone. I've seen homeless people with no shoes and the summer is around the corner. Here in Texas during the summer the streets get burning hot. Have you ever gone bare footed outside during the summer when the sun is out? It bums your feet. Homeless people don't have a car so they walk everywhere. It's a struggle for them to walk on the hot pavement without any shoes. Flip flops will keep them from walking bare foot and they're water proof. They can get wet and nothing happens to them.

**Plan:**

I've looked up cheap shoes to buy a very large amount of. The shoes that happened to be the cheapest and that we can buy a large amount of are flip flops from *Target*. With \$200 we can buy 50 flip flops for the homeless people. After buying them we can hand them out around the streets of Healy Murphy. I've noticed that a lot of homeless people stay around here. Before handing out the flip flops we can say something kind like, "It's not much but we care for you guys".

Juan Sanchez



*Healy-Murphy Center's*  
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Rationale:

People in our city are in need of help everyday due to financial crisis and the economy. Thousands of people lose their homes because they don't have sufficient money to pay their rent. What I propose with the \$200 grant is to help some homeless people by getting them some blankets and pillows and some candy bags with a sticky note with a "Good Luck" on it.

Plan:

After searching the internet I found some pillows and blankets on the Walmart site which total \$189.39 total (included tax). The money I have left which is \$ 13.64. I propose to get 2 packages of candy at Walgreens and some bags to put the candy in. I will write the personal notes myself and attach to the bags. I will distribute the blankets etc. on San Pedro across from Jack in the Box.

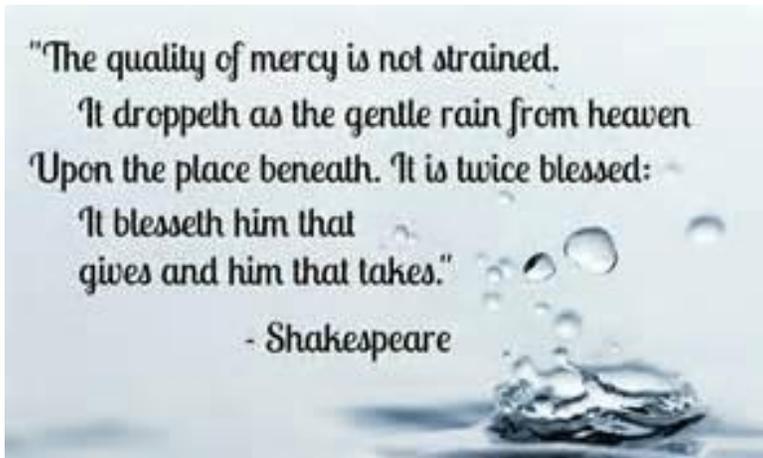
Main stays huge pillow = \$ 5.00 (7) = \$35.00

Reversible Sherpa Throw Blanket = \$19.99 (7) = \$139.93

All together = \$174.93+ 14.43 tax =189.39 (tax included)

Bags of candy = (2) \$7.58

Daija Roberson



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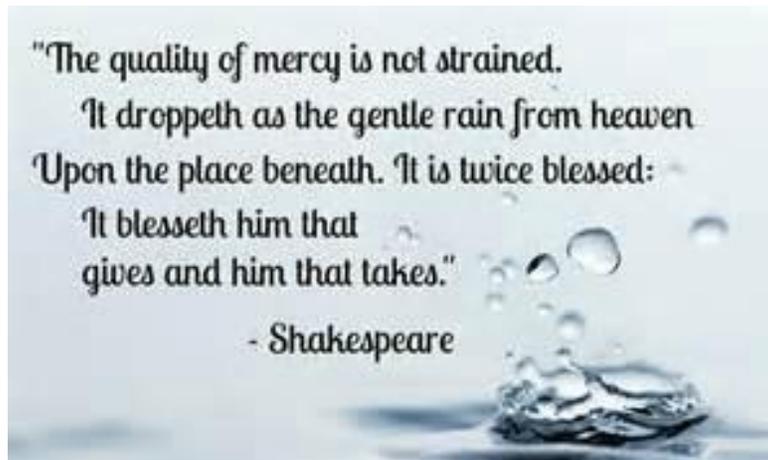
**Rationale:**

I see smiles, or frowns and all different faces yet dealing with the same situation. They are homeless and hopeless with nothing to look forward to besides the next crazy new drug or meal they can scratch up. Innocents that just didn't care or ones that choose to be there on the streets don't bother me unless they need money. I don't turn them down if I have it but I do feel bad when I can't give. If I had \$200 I would show them that not everyone gave up on them and they shouldn't give up on themselves.

**Plan:**

I would ask them a few questions and see how their personality is and get friendly with them. Everyone has a story and wants to be heard. It feels nice when someone listens. They don't seem to want to be outside with no family. I'll tell them my side and how I just feel disowned by my family. Respect is what I'm looking for. They won't know why I want to know so much. Some would be bothered by me asking and some would love to talk. I will just be showing them that giving up too soon or too late still affects others even if you're strangers to each-other. I don't know any of these people but I'm willing to buy all clothes and food if they want my help or not. They will appreciate it when it's not being handed to them next time.

Victoria Reyes



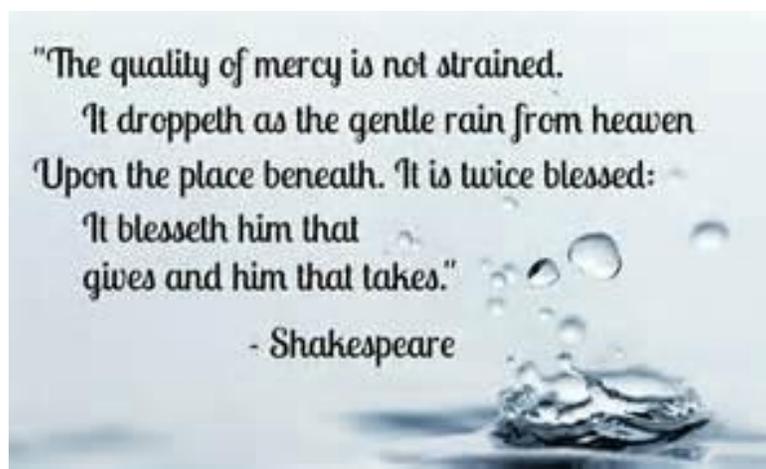
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**Rationale:** What really bothers me about human beings is the way that they are towards the environment. Many of them don't seem to care if they cover the planet with cement and force the animals out of their habitat. The animals were here first and this is their world too. What I want to do for my project is to come to the rescue of endangered wildlife here in San Antonio. Even in our city I see animals that have been run over by drivers who don't even care. Humans even put lots of animals in danger by polluting the world. Just like there are homeless humans in the world there are also homeless animals out there. It's our fault because we are taking their homes.

### **Plan:**

I would donate \$200 to Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation - San Antonio, TX  
Roger & Phyllis Sherman Animal Care Complex  
137 Earl Street, San Antonio, TX 78212  
Phone: 210.257.8823

Antoinette



Holen

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**Rationale**

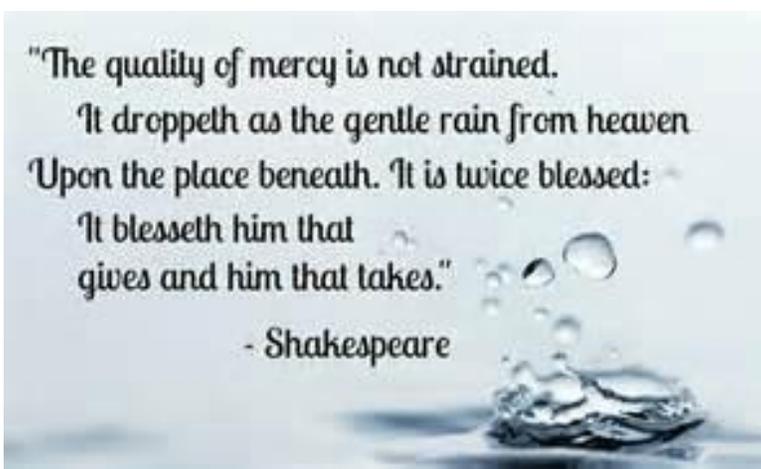
Mothers' Day is coming up. We can have the students take a vote for the best mother of Healy-Murphy Center... one who puts her own needs to the side for her child. We can give her a River Center AMC gift card for \$50 for her day or night out. Give her a box of Luvs, wipes, shampoos, etc. The rest of the money can go for her and her child to buy food for themselves. The baby items will help for a good time. The movie night will help her get her own time, and the rest of the money could be emergency money for food, personal items, etc. The honored mother would have a big lift off her shoulders.

**Plan:**

We can buy:

- The box of Luvs at H-E-B for \$ 24.99-\$26.00 for 160 diapers.
- A bag of refill pampers Sensitive Wipes of 576 wipes fir \$14.97-\$16.00
- A Baby Magic Baby Bathing Gift Set which has Baby Magic items for bathing for \$9.97-\$11.00.
- We can go online to <http://www.amctheatres.com/gift-cards> and get the \$50.00 gift card to AMC.

Ashely Gonzales



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**Rationale:**

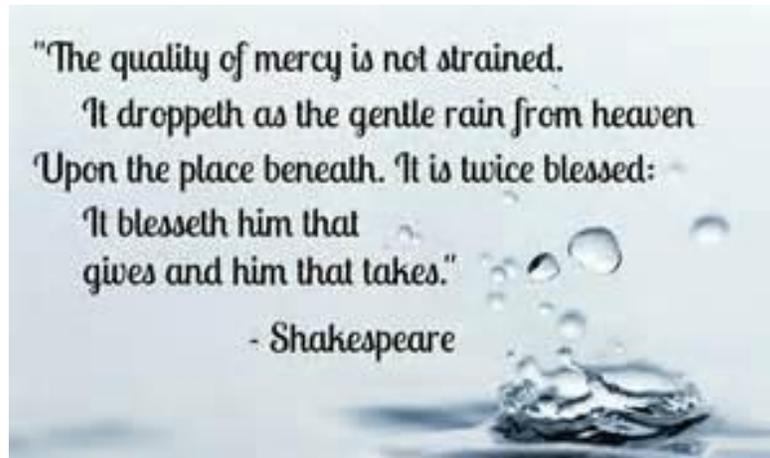
I look outside my classroom window and I see them. I see them walking around, lying around holding signs that read "Please help, I am hungry." People pass them as if they were stray animals on the side of the roads. I see them under the bridge waiting for something to happen, praying and hoping they can get through the next day. I see them searching through trash cans for food to stop the pains in their stomach. Since I don't get picked up from school I usually walk to my bus stop which is in the downtown area. I pass homeless people every day; I give them the little that I have. It may be some change or a bag of chips that I was planning to save for to eat during my long bus ride but, I would rather give them away to someone who needs something in their stomach.

**Plan:**

If I had the \$200 I would go to H-E-B and get the following:

- 2 packages of Hill Country water \$6.54
- 16 packages of crackers \$15.20
- 4 bags of apples \$10.24
- 10 bags of candy \$10.70
- \$15 zip lock bags
- 4 boxes of Quaker bars \$20.24
- 2 bags of cough drops \$7.80
- 31 packages of chap stick (3) \$93.31
- 11 toys for the children \$11.77

Kelsey Gomez



*Healy-Murphy Center's*  
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Rationale:

The days I come to school I pass by a homeless shelter every time and it's across the street from Healy Murphy. Everyone that attends the school and works there sees them. I am thinking why not donate soap, wash towels, tooth Brushes, toothpaste and hygiene materials for the females. At our homes we have those things, they don't.

Plan:

With the \$200 we can go to Dollar Tree and buy:

1 Case of 4 pack of toothbrushes = \$24.00

1 Case Dental Source Travel Toothbrush and Toothpaste Sets = \$36.00

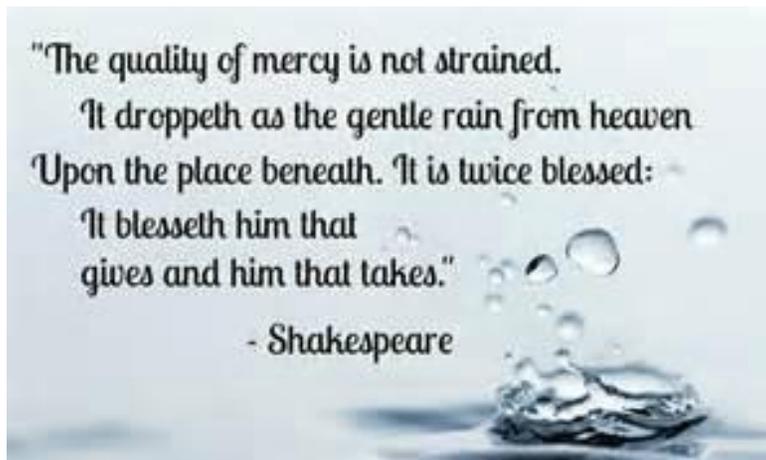
1 Case Irish Spring Moisture Blast Soap Bars, 2-ct. Packs = \$36.00

1 Case Female Hygiene = \$36.00

1 Case April Bath & Shower Mesh Body Sponges, 5" = \$36.00

2 Cases White Rain Ocean Mist Conditioner with Active Botanicals, 15 oz.  
= \$24.00

Michael Redwine



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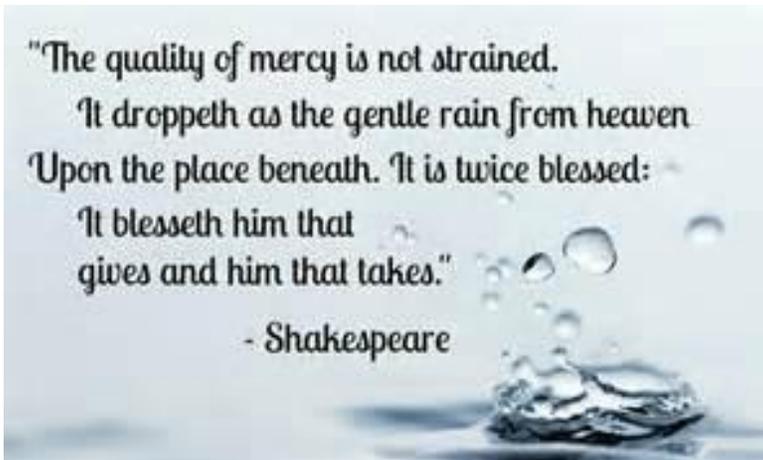
### Rationale:

We can do so many things with \$200. We can help homeless people with either breakfast, lunch, or dinner. We can also help a family with a light, water, or rent bill. It is not only the people with financial needs who need a little help though. What about us, people who have a job, people who have to wake up early every single day of the week to catch a bus to go to school and then catch another bus to go to work after school? Imagine how tired these people are of doing the same thing every single day, waking up every single morning, not looking forward to their day because they already know what is going to happen. My plan is to make this day a little different for them and put a smile on their faces, even if it is only for a few minutes.

### Plan:

I will buy some zip lock baggies, animal crackers, fruit gummies and water bottles, just a little snack to get them through the bus ride, something they can snack on while they wait for their bus. I plan to go to one of the busiest bus stops downtown, and hand out these little goodie bags. I also want to add a little "Have a good day!" note, something simple and sweet to make them smile, maybe even a little joke.

Marelyn Romero



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### Rationale:

When I was given the choice of what would I do with two hundred dollars, I thought about a million ways to use it. At last a thought came. My idea was to give the two hundred dollars to the highest star graduating student of 2016 for college books. I did have a student in mind already. Her name is Katlyn Adams. She is one of the hardest working students I know. She will be graduating as a junior and not to mention already with her CNA completion, so I truly feel she deserves the money for college books. I'm doing this because school is hard enough to pay for without any financial aid, scholarships, and ugly student loans, so adding books to pay for on top of that is overwhelming. Even if the two hundred dollars won't pay for all the books she needs, depending on cost, but I sure hope the money would help out the student.

### Plan:

Based on the school that the student Kaitlyn Adams whom I choose to receive the \$200 gets accepted to, I will be going to an HEB store to make a money order. The money order will be made out to one of these colleges/university: St Phillip's College, UTSA, or Incarnate Word University.

Rebecca Mosqueda

