[Staff Editorial]

The word resolution literally means "a firm decision to do or not to do something." With that in mind, it can be kind of odd to think about New

and consider whether or not you've really resolved to do anything or if you're just making another "resolution."

Whether for Hawk Serve Day, or during the year, no one is too busy to help others

If time is money, doesn't that make money time?

When clubs ask students to give to charities, they are quick to give money, but slow to give up their time.

We aren't saying that money isn't important for charitable organizations. Money can provide for all of the things charities need to help the people that rely on them.

But if you just donate money, you're not doing all you can to help. Instead of spending hours and hours watching TV or playing video games, find a way to help your community.

And students are busy. Between homework, jobs, and extracurricular activities, it's not reasonable for students to volunteer every single day.

We understand.

But every student has a free Saturday at least once a month. Sometimes it seems like students don't understand just how much people need their help or just how much help students can actually be.

Money doesn't matter if there aren't people to use it effectively.

For the last several years on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, some students have completed community service projects all over the city for Hawk Serve Day.

There are over 600 students in our school yet last year there were only 75 students participating in Hawk Serve Day. That means that 12.5 percent of our students decided to volunteer.

This year we are urging students to sign up—and not because a group or club you belong in is making it mandatory.

Luckily for all of us, volunteering doesn't have a time limit or a specific quota that needs to be filled so students can make up for the times they opted out of helping out.

If students start volunteering now, and continue that on to adulthood, our community and the students would be bettered.

Volunteering is a ongoing process that should to be actively pursued throughout your life. It helps you connect and gain empathy for the experiences of others.

During this Christmas season, the idea of giving should be on everyone's minds. All we are asking is for students to sign for Hawk Serve day or any volunteer work they can be passionate about.

The purpose of volunteering is to show that you care enough to give something that is more valuable than money. Something that can't be regained. Time.



-Zack Smith