

Taking a Step

How can I make the world a better place? At a young age someone said "You should love everyone no matter what, even your enemies." Over the years I soon forgot that saying.

It was not until 2020 ended that I realized how much I grew as a person. I never knew how much could happen in a year, until 2020. That year especially over the summer was when I decided to be a part of the Black lives matter movement. I was unable to go to protest due to covid19, however I was able to show my support by reposting pictures of the movement on my social media and signing petitions, as well as for the LGBTQ+ community too. I then noticed that we had to fight for rights, for women, LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, people with different religion (Islam, Buddhism, etc.) and all skin tones, all had to fight for their rights and the respect they deserve. Not only that but every person in the world needs to be treated as a human being and nothing less than that.

Supporting all these kinds of people helped me open my eyes and see that there are so many different and personal problems everyone is going through. It goes to show that I am not alone in this messy world. Going through this experience gave me a clearer understanding of what kind of person I want to be. It made me want to make a difference in this world and help make a change. I got to learn all the different perspectives of other people's lives, which I think is extremely important in life. It made me open minded and wiser as an individual. I learned more on how to respect everyone no matter skin color, sexuality, religion, etc. However, at the same time I realize that there are many people who live in hate and choose to do so.

In the Black Lives Matter community we are protesting against police brutality and racism towards black people. Being in this community I learned to love my skin, and not be judged for it too. The LGBTQ+ community celebrates pride, diversity, individuality, and sexuality. Being an ally of this community has shaped me to believe in myself, helped build my confidence, and love everything about myself, even my flaws. In each one of these communities we are united by social movements, and culture.

Being a part/ally of the Black Lives Matter and the LGBTQ+ community I am able to get a step closer to help make the world a better place. I am able to appreciate all kinds of people and can somewhat see what others are going through. I will continue to grow as a person and fight for what is right. So the saying "*love everyone no matter what*" has made an impact on me, and has made it clear of what kind of person I want to be. A person with self confidence who loves her skin, and someone who is able to support, respect, and care for others no matter who they are.