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Undercover Bunnies Operation: Easter Egg Hunt

I volunteer at the Cottonwood Heights 0-12 year old Easter Egg Hunt, this year we put 46,000 items on the field for the kids to “find”, really all we do is lay them on the field in broad daylight and they behave like vacuums and suck everything up. I chose it because I have done it in years past with the Youth City Council (YCC). Ann Etchel is Cottonwood Heights event coordinator. Through the past four years being a YCC member Ann and I have become really good friends. She trusts Nicole and I more than the other youth council members so she entrusts us with the important tasks. Because I love the city and Ann I like to participate in all service activities in the city.

In years past I have spread the eggs, candy or toys on the field, but last year Ann started something new where she has undercover easter bunnies. What this means is you send two to three people out with a bag full of eggs and candy. We watch the kids find candy when the sirens blare and we look for the kids that come late or the kids that didn't get anything. That's when we step in. Because we have all the extra eggs we give them a handful or so, this way every kid goes away with something. I also helped setting up the sound system, I have prior experience with a sound board so it comes in handy. But at the end of the day Dan



Metcalf was the one that hooked the whole thing up, he is the social media/ photographer for the city.

The thing I like the most about this service project is getting to be the secret bunny.



Sometimes parents are just scrambling to get there and you see their kid sprinting across the field trying to find their age group in the last five seconds. That's where a secret bunny comes in, we want all the kids to come away with something so we save the parents the tears and give their kids a good easter. I like seeing the look on the kids face when they end up getting something, I also always wear my bunny ears so I look and act the part. I also help the parents that come late know how early to be there next

year. I give them the best time which is 9:00 or the latest 9:45 since it starts at 10:00. They don't realize that once the sirens go off it's over within seconds, the kids just clean the field.

Something I learned from doing this service is that if I have my own kids it's important to get to an event early. Parents do their best to heard everyone in the right direction but if you plan on doing a special activity with the family then you need to make sure you get everyone there on time to get the best experience.

The way this event relates to the "Happy Secret to Better Work" is when the video talked about how 75% of success comes from performing positively. Together Nicole and I are a dynamic duo and we are super fun and positive. Without our personality we wouldn't be such good friends



with the city council members. If we weren't close to the council members then I wouldn't get to be first pick in being a secret bunny. Plus no one likes a bunny that isn't positive.