Ways I Wish I Was Like Mr. Clarence T.C. Ching.

Mr. Clarence T.C. Ching displayed multiple acts of kindness toward his community. As a youngster living on Kaua‘i, sacrifices were made so he could attend Saint Louis School on O‘ahu and the Chinese people had a hand in his attending school. His eldest sister had the responsibility to help raise her eleven siblings. He never forgot his sister’s hand in raising them, nor did he forget the community that helped in his education and his ability to become a successful businessman. Learning about charity from the Marianist brothers and the philosophy of ren from Confucius motivated him to develop Kukui Gardens and to establish Hawaii National Bank. Portions of his estate were shared equally with his siblings and his in-laws. His acts made me realize that I too could do something on a small scale, yet make an impact in my own community. I’d like to explain three acts of kindness that I was able to do. If everyone performed a daily act of kindness, their community and eventually the world would be positively impacted.

When I was walking to my mom’s job from school I saw an old man in the middle of the street looking for his white cane. There were so many cars honking at him it made him scared. I ran to where he was and I helped him pick up his cane and I guided him across the street. There are so many people who are very rude and disrespectful to elderly people. That man could have been someone’s grandpa, yet no one was running over to help him. If someone was on the phone while driving and not paying attention, that old man could’ve gotten hit. This is why people in the community should be very careful when they drive and they should show more care and respect for our senior citizens.

One night I went with my cousins to eat at Zippy’s. It was a long two hour wait. While we were waiting, there was a family who walked beside us and looked worried. When we were
called to be seated, I overheard them say that one of their family members lost their work phone. When we were walking to our table I saw a phone on one of the tables, I went to pick it up and I remembered what I heard. So I ran to the front and I saw the family going out the door and I ran to one of the family members. When I handed the cell phone to him, everyone was so thankful because the work phone was found and returned. There are so many people in the world that find lost phones and never return them. If people began to take care of their belongings and if people would start looking out for one another, then maybe the community would start looking out for each other.

One day on the way home from school we stopped at Times Supermarket to buy groceries. When we were walking out of the store there was a senior citizen asking people for help loading her groceries into her vehicle. She was ignored. When she asked me, I said yes, she had a lot of gatorade to load up. When we were done, she was very thankful because she had a bad back so my help made it easier for her and it allowed her to attend her grandson's baseball game quicker. We should be more helpful to all people in our community, not only senior citizens. This act of kindness shows that we should never judge a book by its cover, never assume that someone can do things on their own. Everyone is appreciative of help in any way. We as citizens should always be looking out for one another, doing this will help a community live more harmoniously.

These acts of kindness are not as special as what Mr. Clarence T.C. Ching did for our community. They may be simple acts of kindness but if we start with simple things like helping a senior citizen cross the street or returning someone's phone after they left it at the restaurant, the world would be a happier place. Even a simple thing like helping an elderly woman load up her groceries can also help make a difference in the community we live in. There is always a
way to make a difference in the world just like how Mr. Clarence T.C. Ching did. It does not have to be something big, even the small things can make an impact in the community.