

FACES BEHIND THE PLACES

AUGGIE WHITE

Welcome Home

Auggie White may only be going into fourth grade at Rock Bridge Elementary school, but he's already making a big difference in the world. You could say he has a real "can do" attitude — he collects aluminum cans, takes them to the recycling center and donates all the proceeds to Welcome Home.

Auggie became acquainted with Welcome Home through his mom's boyfriend, who's a veteran and is on the board. He attended a Christmas Party in 2017 and realized what a need the organization had. He wanted to help and wondered how he could. His mom's boyfriend was also involved with Relay for Life, and Auggie has gone with him to drop off cans. Things clicked and Auggie realized he could collect cans for Welcome Home. He subsequently asked for a can crusher for Christmas that year, and now he has three!

He says the people of Columbia are very supportive of his cause. He collects cans from friends, neighbors and others who have heard about his project through Facebook. He has a fundraising page at www.facebook.com/donate/1971844986409067/.

Auggie easily reached his initial goal of \$500, and then raised it to \$1,500. He says he's closing in on that, and thinks he'll reach that goal before the end of the year.

If someone else wanted to volunteer/support Welcome Home, Auggie would wholeheartedly tell them to do it. "It's a great cause, and if you can change the world one step at a time, that's what I hope to do," he says.

In addition to can collecting/recycling cans, Auggie enjoys being a Boy Scout, swimming, doing Legos, math and playing on his iPad.

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