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### Remembering My Time At Kaiser

I attended Woodland and Kaiser from kindergarten through 6th grade and I can say with confidence that those were some of the best years of my life.

To start off, I would like to tell you a short story about a few events that ended up changing my life and have made me who I am today. In the 3rd grade, I started my first small little “business” selling handmade jewelry mostly out of beads and other little fun trinkets. I would spend my days after school making new pieces and at school I would sell them to classmates and friends. One day, as I was showing off some of my necklaces on the playground, Dr. Granger came up to me and asked to see them. She ended up buying one of the necklaces from me; that ended up being the start to a long friendship between us. As time passed and I became a 6th grader, I kept up my friendship with Dr. Granger and even after all those years I would still see her wearing the necklace I made her.

When I was in 6th grade, I heard my mom talking about a tragic story of a little girl named Safyre Terry. She was only five years old when a fire broke out in her home and she ended up suffering from burns covering 75% of her body. To make matters worse, her father died protecting Terry’s three younger siblings who sadly ended up losing their lives in the blaze. As a sole survivor, she was sent to live with her aunt and life was difficult for them considering that she lost everything in that fire and on top of that she suffered everyday due to her burns. In spite of this however, Terry continued to be the bright and bubbly girl she was before and when the media caught wind of her story and asked what she wanted for her Christmas, Terry said that all she really wanted was a letter.

Her story touched me and I felt for her. When hearing her wish I asked my mom if I could send one and of course she said yes. As I was writing my letter, I had a brilliant idea...what if I got everyone in my class to write her one as well? I knew that it would probably make her so happy. However, when I arrived at school the next day I decided to stop in and say hello to Dr. Granger and as we were chatting I told her of my plans and together we came up with the plan to get the whole school involved. I thought it was a great idea so announcements were made over the loudspeaker and by the end of the month the front office had collected hundreds of letters, some even containing gift cards that would all be sent over to Terry just in time for Christmas.

My friendship with Dr. Granger that happened because of one necklace is what led to this whole event happening. Together I am sure that we were able to make a difference in Safyre Terry's life, even if it was a small one. Knowing that we were able to make this happen is something that warms my heart even on the darkest of days. It also made me realize that I love helping other people and my business that I started in 3rd grade blossomed into the larger one that I have now. My time at Kaiser is the reason why I have chosen to go to business school because one day I want to start organizations that make the world a better place either through wildlife conservation, helping the underprivileged get educated on sustainable agriculture, and more. I am forever grateful.