

Inspiration - Leading Others to Achieve Their Dreams

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I remember what she said like the back of my hand. It was a hot day at my little cousin's birthday party, the majority of us outside. The kids ran around as the adults mingled.

The birthday girl, Samantha, asked if I could play soccer with her, and of course I said I would, for I love soccer.

We played for a while, passing the ball back and forth, as she requested. I made sure to go easy on her, for I did not want to accidentally hurt her.

As time passed, she asked if she could take shots on me. Willingly, I told her sure, even though I am not at all a goalkeeper. She shot and shot and I loved watching the smile that would appear on her adorable face, and hearing the sound of laughter come out of her lips. It told me that she enjoyed the time she was spending with me, and I felt happy inside because all that mattered to me was making the bright, sprightly girl happy on her birthday. She had to appreciate all the moments like this that she could get at this young age.

Eventually, she came up to me and said, "Oh Emily, I am so tired. I do not want to play anymore."

"Okay," I replied with a small grin. "Let us take a break!"

We decided to sit at her steps and watch the other kids as they played football or tag. She talked to "Emily," she suddenly said, changing the subject. me about how delighted she was that everyone was able to make it to celebrate her special day.

"Yes?" I asked. I recall myself wondering what she was going to say next.

"You inspire me so much! I want to be just like you one day, the best soccer player in the whole world! I am going to play and make you proud!"

Wow, I did not expect her to say something as sweet as she did. I inspired her? To think that someone strives to be like me one day makes my heart dance.

There is this one quote that speaks to me, “Someone needs your actions to inspire his actions. Never forget, your little broken cake is someone’s daily meal! Care to share your little cake!” This has so much meaning to me now ever since Samantha told me what she said. I am more than glad that I was the one that was able to inspire her, and I cannot wait to watch her as she continues to improve. Inspiration is always something one needs in order for them to decide they want to achieve their dreams. Ever since then, I have wanted to motivate others and remind them that they got this and that one day, they will get to where they want to be, just like I tell little Sam, and watching where she is now makes me realize that every moment spent encouraging another is so worth it.