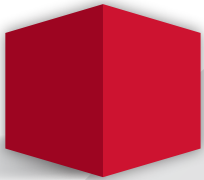


Everyone can start something **big**...

It is not my "something big" I want to share. It is my son, Morgan's "something big" I want to share. Last week he was in my office and saw my little red box on my desk, and as any 9-year-old would do, he grabbed it and said, "What is this?" I explained that it was a red box and it could represent many things to many different people. It could hold dreams, hopes and desires for anyone who put those thoughts, goals and aspirations into it. I asked him, "What would you put in it?" He thought about it and said he wanted to put a home run in it for his baseball game that evening. That evening he was playing his game when in about the fourth inning, he hit the ball way out into left field. He ran with all his might and made it around the bases and across home plate before the other team could reach it. It was an exciting moment for all of us. About 10 minutes later, he ran up to me in the bleachers beaming from ear to ear and whispered, "Remember what I put in the red box this afternoon?" I realized at that moment he got it. He understood the importance of setting goals and stating his wishes and then experienced the rewards so fully. It was a great moment in a mother's life. Thank you for providing the "Red Box" teaching moment.



-Karen Wichman, director, EWU Facilities Services



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