

**Serving:
Blessed to be a Blessing**

My *Be the Miracle* group was blessed to be a blessing when we served a senior woman living alone named Julie, who has a large yard with very mature trees and tons of leaves. When the six of us arrived, we immediately saw that it was an undertaking for perhaps twice that many people and one person remarked, “we need a miracle.”



Five minutes later, the woman’s son arrived with a gas powered backpack blower. With his help, we had the entire yard raked and leaves removed in approximately two hours. We quickly realized that the neighbor’s leaves would soon end up in her yard, so we cleaned up a good portion of theirs as well! Julie offered us cookies, beverages, and even offered to order us a pizza, though we passed on everything but the cookies.

It’s amazing to think you’re going to bless someone else and suddenly find yourself truly receiving the blessing. What a privilege it is to serve!

- Karin Magnusson