



So . . . does being in the Red Deer Royals really have any **meaningful impact** on the lives of the young people in the band???

Yeah, you might say so. (Read on!)



In Their Own Words:

The following are impact statements from some of the thousands of youth who have been Royals members over the past 47 years.

- Being a member of the Red Deer Royals organization has given me so much over the past 5 years. It has taught me the importance of leadership, dedication, and friendship
- Royals has taught me the importance of a solid work ethic and given me valuable leadership skills I can use in future.
- This band has changed my life and I will always remember the experience I had. Royals is truly a once in a lifetime experience.
- I am eternally grateful for my time as a member because without this wonderful family I would be in no way who I am today.
- I can personally attest that this organization has shaped my life.
- I will always keep with me that feeling of accomplishment and knowing what I am capable of, to push me not only in marching band but in life as well.
- Somebody once told the band that the Royals were not a group of extraordinary people doing extraordinary things, but a group of ordinary people CHOOSING to do extraordinary things. I think that's what this was all about, to humbly reach for something incredible within ourselves.
- This organization has been a huge part of my life for the past three years and I can honestly say, it has helped in no small way to shape me into the person I am today. It has taught me responsibility, confidence and the benefits of hard work. I am yet to know a better feeling.
- I could ramble on for hours about how great it is but the point is; I love this band and everyone in it and I'm proud to say that joining the Red Deer Royals is the best decision I've made.
- The ideas of determination, hard work, and undying brotherhood that guides young, inexperienced kids and transforms them into passionate, driven, and active young adults who will use those principles throughout their entire lives.
- Looking back, I remember how daunting I thought it would be when I first joined the Royals. It wasn't long until I realized I had found a second family that encourages and supports one another. Since my first rehearsal, I have grown as a musician and as a leader. Even now I am privileged to see others grow, just as I have done.
- The Red Deer Royals shaped who I am as a person today. There's no other group in the world who can take small, shy children like I was and help them become strong, open and active people like I am. There's nothing that can help you find out who you are more than pushing yourself past every limit you thought you had and finding out you can go even further; I've never stopped pushing myself harder since my first performance with the Red Deer Royals.
- The Royals have taught me to work hard, never give up, to push my boundaries, and to always put my best foot forward. I cannot express how proud I am to be a part of such an amazing, accepting, and talented group of people.