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Venturer Becca Robison in People magazine's feature, "Meet five kids who do good helping people all over the world."



“It’s worth all the work just to see the look on a girl’s face when she launches her first rocket” —BECCA ROBISON

BECCA ROBISON, 15

HOW SHE HELPS: Runs science camps for girls.

INSPIRATION: When she was 10, Robison (above, at one of her camps) shared her ambition to be an astronaut with a neighbor—a 4-year-old girl. “You can’t do that,” the girl said. “That’s a boy’s job.” So Robison, who grew to love science when her brother Jason, 24, taught her about constellations, set out to prove that science is for everyone. Starting with 12 girls in the backyard of her Layton, Utah, home, Robison held

her first “AstroTots Science Camp for Little Dippers,” a day-long workshop: “We made planets out of styrofoam balls and launched Alka-Seltzer rockets—they’re way cool.”

IMPACT: With a handful of teen volunteers, Robison also holds free camps on insects and chemistry in parks and community centers. She was honored for her efforts last year by President Bush. “Becca teaches you stuff you never knew before and inspires you,” says camper Nicole VanDeGraff, 8. “I love it because you get to eat upside down and watch rockets go off.”