



Sherrill “Charlie” Rose

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Austin

Giving birth at the start of junior year in high school would push most kids to drop out completely. In fact, because she had lost so much time and credit hours, that’s exactly what some of Sherrill “Charlie” Rose’s teachers encouraged her to do. Instead, this highly motivated girl moved to a school with an attached child-care center and finished two years worth of work in one. Today Charlie ranks 2nd in her graduating class.

While motherhood and academics are Charlie’s priorities, she has never lost her commitment to community service. “Missing so much school and caring for a young infant made it very hard to stay involved in service, so I arranged to do things that allowed me to bring the baby,” Charlie tells us. “Serving my community is extremely important. I can’t imagine giving it up.”

Far from giving it up, Charlie continues to volunteer countless hours at a non-profit community bookstore and also at the Austin People’s Legal Collective, which provides free information on civil liberty defense.

“Education is the primary goal of my service,” Charlie explains. I believe that education is the most important tool people can have.”

Charlie has been accepted into University of Texas’ Plan II as math major and pre-med student. She plans to go into obstetrics and gynecology