Paying tribute to Aaron

We were introduced to Aaron Eilerts in 2007. As an Iowa Character Awards honorable mention, he was attending the Awards banquet. He wore his Boy Scout Uniform and gleemed with pride to be there.

What we knew of Aaron was mostly through his remarkable Iowa Character Award nomination. He gave back to his school and community daily — with a smile and true passion for helping others.

Sadly, Aaron's life of giving ended on a summer day in June 2008 when a tornado hit the Little Sioux Boy Scout Ranch. Although his life ended too soon, his legacy carries on.

Aaron's hometown of Eagle Grove is furthering Aaron's work by continuing many of his service projects. They proudly work with the Governor's office to organize the annual Aaron Eilerts Day of Service & Giving on February 24 — Aaron's birthday.

It's only a month away — so we hope you give some thought to how you can pay tribute to a special young man and give back to your community on February 24.