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2003 PROJECT SUMMARY**

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<b>Project Title</b> <b>Why Thank You</b>	
<b>Abstract</b> <b>Objectives/Goals</b> The goal of this project is to discover if adults respond politely more often to children or to adults. I believe the adults will respond politely more often to children. <b>Methods/Materials</b> A child (me) casually opened doors for twenty adults (ten at each of two locations) while the adult helper (my mom) recorded the responses of the adults who had the door opened for them by the child. The adult helper also opened doors for twenty adults (ten at each of two locations) while the child recorded the responses of the adults who had the door opened for them by the adult helper. <b>Results</b> Both the child and the adult received eighteen polite responses and two impolite responses. <b>Conclusions/Discussion</b> My hypothesis was incorrect. The child and the adult received the same amount of polite responses concluding that adults don't care who does the considerate deed, they are just happy when someone does something kind for them.	
<b>Summary Statement</b> My Mom and I both opened doors for adults to see if adults were polite more often to children or to adults.	
<b>Help Received</b> Mother helped by being the adult door opener and my brother helped by talking with my mom and I while we opened doors so it looked more casual.	