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Keeping Elderly Minds Alive

Ideal Service Program:

The “ideal service program” would be direct contact:
• interacting with others who need help.
• The “ideal state” or “ideal service program” would be one that makes the person do the actual time
• accountability.

Service Side Approach To Issue:

• Paige Wilson, Activity Specialist at Silver Sky Assisted Living
  • Ms. Wilson has tried to establish control
  • she tries to make up new fun things as activities.

My Approach To The Issue:

• Direct service-involves students having direct human encounter, working directly with those in need.
  • Everyone can do this and should do it twice a month.
  • These programs should include:
    • mission trips, serving meals to the hungry, meeting and feeding the homeless at a shelter
      or clothing bank and working with people at Opportunity Village or Catholic Charities.
    • There are also places like Operation School Bell, Broken Chains Ministry, and low-income schools that need clothes and food during breaks. These groups help to ensure that people help others feel like they matter and they do.
    • Organizational support is service where help is needed.

Making A Better Future

Differences In My Own Views

• The repetition of volunteering I enjoyed seeing the same people over and over again.
• I learned even more about them and their lives.
• It helps to know who you are playing bingo.
• I enjoyed speaking about the past, my college experience so far, and the wishes of this community that I was able to help with due to my service.
• Play bingo
• Call the bingo numbers.
• Read with the seniors
• Hang out and discuss technology
• Hear nostalgic stories from the past.
• Recommend movies that the senior may enjoy.

Reflection

• I served my community during my service hours by hanging out with the elderly at my grandmother’s assisted living facility.
• This would be a difficult job to do as I have found that the elderly can be just like children since they need attention just like everyone in the world.
• They should be cared for while treated as adults that they are.
• Activity Specialists do this job to keep the elderly entertained as they live out their lives with others their same age.
• I have found that keeping people happy and moving is quite important as one gets older.
• I have enjoyed getting to know new adults while keeping my grandmother and her friends amused.
• I have had the most fun when the girls and I gossip about what’s happening at the Silver Sky.
• They just need more people to ask them questions and treat them like people.

Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes

• The “ideal service program” would be the one that allows for people to have direct contact while interacting with others who need help.
  • I believe that more college students need to do service with the elderly.
  • Everyone can do this and should do it twice a month.
  • These programs should include mission trips if the person has a preferred religion, serving meals to the hungry, meeting the elderly could participate and help out too once or twice a month.
  • “Community support is essential to the development of effective interventions in cases of elder abuse” (Morgan 5).
  • Community involvement can help with senior support so they feel loved.
  • This is vital to a senior citizen’s health.
  • Also, there is a “series of surveys reported here measured the breadth of community definitions of elder abuse and the willingness of community members to criminalize elder abuse” (Morgan 5).

Differences I Made For The Site

• Called Bingo
• Brought up movie night
• Tried to encourage field trips
• Gossiped with the girls

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