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Making A Better Future

Keeping Elderly Minds Alive

Ideal Service Program:
The “ideal service program” would be direct contact: interacting with others who need help.
- The “ideal state” of “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.
- Mission trips, serving meals to the hungry, meeting and feeding the homeless at a shelter
- Schools that need clothes and food during breaks. These groups help to ensure that those in need.
- Community support is service where help is needed.
  - Everyone can do this and should do it twice a month.

How This Changed My View

Expectations vs. Reality
- Working with an older generation has made me realize that I do not think like other millennials do.
  - The elderly have lots of energy.
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- This resulted my learning how to communicate better with these individuals and much more patience.
  - I now have more beneficial tools with working with people.
- I feel that my service learning project has made an impact on the elderly community.
- It helped them come together and enjoy life, with movies, food, games, outings and more.
- I have changed how I view the elderly.
- I learned from this experience personally that all people need to feel loved.
- I also learned professionally that all people need to feel loved.

Service to the Community
- My service at this site has made a difference in the way I view service learn since the seniors taught me to care more about others.
- Service learning is important especially now since many families take care of their elderly family members.
  - I also learned that the elderly is just like everyone else.
- This social issue of elderly abuse is common and under reported.
  - I found that Ms. Wilson did not like working with the elderly.
  - She wasn’t willing to do more to make the seniors happy.
- My service at this site made a difference for the site itself by the fact that I will be making changes soon to the activities that the elderly do.
  - I think this will help everyone there.

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.

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Differences In My Own Views
- The repetition of volunteering - I did not enjoy working with the elderly.
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- The elderly could participate and help out too once or twice a month.
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- Community involvement can help with senior support so they feel loved.
  - This is vital to a senior citizen’s health.
  - Also, there are 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).

Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes
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