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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.
• 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.
• I 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 just treating people with respect counts a lot.

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 older family members.
• I also learned that the elderly is just like everyone else.
• This social issue of elder 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.

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.

Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes

• The “ideal service program” would be 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, and 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 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).

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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