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Project 150

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Social Problem/Issue

Social Issue
• The social issue that Project 150 seeks to address is the issue of homeless and underprivileged youth.

Current and Ideal State
• Current- According to the Project 150 website, there are currently 1.7 million homeless youth in the US.
• Ideal- There is no homeless youth in the US.

Service Site Approach to Issue
• Project 150 provides both food and clothing, free of charge, to alleviate stress of students.

My Approach
• I volunteered my time to help Project 150 better serve the people who use their services.

Service to Community
• Over the course of the semester I volunteered 3 separate times. The first day was Volunteer day, the second day was a reorganizing of the warehouse, and the third day was food packing for Thanksgiving.

Semester Reflection
• Over the course of the semester, I have learned a lot more than I expected to volunteering at Project 150. Luckily for me, my experience was different all three times and gave me a well-rounded understanding of what non-profits are all about and how much work is put in to make them run well.

Pros and Cons
• Pros- Different experiences gave a well-rounded understanding
• Volunteering at the same place created an investment
• Cons- Sometimes it didn’t live up to my expectations

Expectations
• I expected to have bigger events and actually get to meet some of the people that used Project 150.

Difference Making and Future

Difference In My Own Views
• The biggest difference in my own view was that I realized how easy I had it growing up and how hard it would be to be a homeless teenager.

Difference I Made at the Site
• I think my contribution was more that I just helped the site serve people.

Personal/Professional Learning
• Professionally I learned how much work and effort goes into a charity—I wish to found a charity some day
• Personally I learned what it means to give back and the importance of helping those less fortunate.

Future Change, Effort, and Outcomes
• In the future, I hope to found charity like this one. I plan to instill the same values in my children and I hope that it trickles down to all of my decedents, creating bigger change with every new generation.