Project 150: Youth Homelessness

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History of Site

- Started when 150 students at Rancho High School had no food for winter break
- Since then, organization has expanded help to over 2,500 homeless youth in about 45 high schools

Social Issue Addressed

- Project 150 hopes to address the problem of youth homelessness. They hope to be able to motivate and support teens to be able to continue through high school.

Current State of Social Issue

- RHYA provides grants for communities and states to allow them to provide resources for homeless teens (Elbedour)
- 550,000 youth below the age of 24 experience a form of homelessness one week or longer (Pederson)
- Worldwide, general estimate of tens to hundreds of millions of homeless teens (Ayuku)

Ideal State of Social Issue

- No homeless youth; all homeless youth would have a safe home; More high school graduates to contribute to society

Service Site Approach to Issue

- Provides basic necessities, such as food and hygiene products
- Provides counseling and tutoring services

My Approach to Issue

- Dedicating my time and service to help Project 150 in their activities to help the homeless teens

Community Service Paradigm

- Organization fits the service paradigm of a program
  - Organization has identified the problem as teen homelessness
  - Sets up a plan to to solve problem through providing tutoring and counseling services as well as basic necessities

Service to Community/Difference in Site

- To allow homeless teens to sustain themselves by providing them what they need through Project 150

Semester Expectations and Reflection

- I expected to spend a lot of time volunteering and interacting with the people that we were helping. I didn’t expect to learn much from the experience
- Experience was actually fulfilling and enjoyable. Felt like I was making a difference.

Differences in my Own Views

- Understood level of struggle homeless teens have to go through

Future Change, Effort, and Outcome

- In the future, once I have the means I hope to be able to contribute more resources and time to causes such as this.

References

