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Boys and Girls Club

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The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is to enable young adults to reach their full potential. They do this by providing them with the tools necessary to become successful citizens, classmates, and leaders. The facility recognizes that most of its members come from low-income families and that is why they support the young adults with food and a social emotional connection; as these things are vital when growing up. The Boys and Girls Club’s vision is that young adults all around America who roamed the streets with no positive guidance would get off the streets and get on the right path for graduating high school and be on their way to becoming positive members of society.

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The children made my experience memorable, as they were very upbeat, innocent, and curious about life and about my mine. Seeing the children’s optimism and curiosity made me realize, how much adulthood has changed our outlook on life, how so easily we have forgotten to smile or even having fun in our everyday, busy lives. Therefore, I believe this experience has really made a difference in my life and in the children’s lives as well, as it has allowed us to connect on such a personal level.

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