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THE LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP ALUMNI

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Introduction

The **Latino Youth Leadership Alumni (LYLA)** is a non-profit organization officially established in 2015. The organization provides resources and volunteer services to the youth of Southern Nevada.

This organization best fits the charity paradigm. The volunteer services the organization plans for the alumni members, provides direct service but do not cause social change. The service is temporary not meant to be long-term.



Social Issue Research

Social Issue

The social issue the LYLA addresses is young minorities, specifically undocumented youth immigrants.

Service Approach to Issue

The Latino Youth Leadership Alumni provides resources such as scholarships and information on services that can help young undocumented individuals.

Current and Ideal State of Social Issue

Current- about 200,000 undocumented students are enrolled into college

- undocumented students are prohibited from receiving federal assistance for school.

Ideal- more resources that can help undocumented youth become successful in the US

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Service Learning Experience & Making a Difference

Service to Community

- Helped plan service events for the alumni
- Captured images at every event of what the organization did at that event
- volunteered within the organization as well

Semester Reflection

I have been involved with this organization since 2015. however this my first year volunteering my time being on the executive board. I have learned that it takes a lot of work to maintain a non-profit organization. I more aware of some of the struggles the minority youth goes through and how to better the situation.

Expectations

- to help guide and motivate the alumni members to become successful

Personal/Professional Learning

- time management
- communication skills
- organization skills

Outcomes

The organization provides youth minorities a place where they can feel like themselves and be around individuals like them. By the members doing community service together it allows everyone to bond with each other and create connections that can benefit them in the future.

