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Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood Partnership

How Initiative Inspires Togetherness

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Abstract

The purpose of this project was to make a lasting change on our respective communities. During my process of completing this project, I engaged in activities, such as, food drives, community cleanups, be involved in the planning of our 3rd annual community parade, etc. While participating in this project, I learned that seeing other people happy makes me happy and want to contribute more to their happiness. I learned that being a good example in the community, urges others to want to do the same thing for others as well. I volunteered for the Pine Hills Safe Neighborhood Partnership, and they were founded in 2001. I've been volunteering with them since I was a freshman in high school, and I enjoy helping others. I feel an obligation to be apart of this organization, especially since I provide that infusion of youth not many non-profit organizations possess.

Reflection

What I learned was that older people are very enthusiastic about the younger generation engaging in the betterment of their community. So many times, this semester people over the age of 50 would compliment me for being as young as I am and still making an effort to improve the community. As often as that happened, I felt that me just being there in that demographic was me making lasting change, or at least sparking change among people my age. I learned that people being happy trumped how I felt about being there on a certain day. I could be tired or frustrated going into volunteer and seeing someone smile would immediately bring me joy.

Course Connection

In class, we learned a lot about the lack of accessibility to healthcare and how, as people striving to be successful people in the field can bridge that gap and make a lasting change on not only a workplace, but individual people. While I may not have directly worked in healthcare, I feel the concept applies. As a community, at times we lack initiative and innovation, so we are prone to stagnation. As I volunteered throughout the semester, my job was to bridge that gap and bring an infusion of youth that was beneficial to my community.



Community Impact

As I have alluded to before, I have been volunteering with this organization since I was a freshman in high school. Since then, we have a yearly tradition that is now on its third year where we have a community parade that is underway every December before Christmas. Before I did volunteer, it was very common to see elderly people trying their hardest to persuade people to care more about their communities and where they reside. I feel like I have provided that and will continue to provide that. I have also provided a sense of technology because before, events were attended if one of your friends happened to let you know, so more of the community is informed.

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