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Game Changer Reflection

My Game Changer project has definitely left some experience I will not easily forget. It is not too difficult to think of something that could benefit an organization, it is the actual doing of something that makes a difference. From the start of this project I did not want to do some project that really did no consist of me not putting in a good amount of time, effort and energy. Pulling weeds, picking up trash, cleaning up the landscaping, and repairing parts of some homes was more what I had in mind. I am glad I chose the project I set up and managed because it was something of my own, which could help to leave a lasting impression both on myself, the scouts who volunteered, and Esperanza for being so generous in allowing us to obtain some community service hours.

This project had a great number of pros about it, and the one that meant the most to me was actually giving back to our service men and women who work day in and day out to keep this nation safe. I have always a fondness towards the military and always seeking away to chip in myself in assisting in anyway I can. This interest in the military can be easily traced back to my dad and mom who were both in the military, which leaves me as a military brat. In hindsight I have only ever had positive feeling towards the military and especially the Air Force and it just seems so natural and fluent for me to want to give back. I was glad to see to many youths and adults show up to support my project on that Saturday. Rain or shine I promised the groundskeeper Mr. Tom that I would show up and work for a few hours along side with my

brother Dan. In the end we did end up working for a few hours, which was great because I did not really want to do all of the work with just my bro and myself. Mr. Tom was very satisfied with the work that we completed on that day because due to the really bad weather he had expected us to not even show up at all. In the end just giving Mr. Tom some time off to himself and making the Esperanza en Escalante area more clean for its residents was very fulfilling.

The downfalls and cons in this project were few and I am glad it was. During the beginning of my Game Changer project I really did not know what I wanted to do so that really held me up for ideas. It was only till the very end of the project when I began to have my project fall into place. Due to this very reason I was having a hard time figuring out what I wanted to do with the military and the scouts. It was only till they very end when I decided to pull weeds and etc. right on the spot. Another problem with this project however it was not too bad later on, was actually trying to get in contact with the grounds keeper Mr. Tom. Even though it was easy to get into contact with the Director of Esperanza en Escalante Mr. Phyllis, the communication problems was kind of an issue. However, this was completely understandable because both of them have very busy lives with Esperanza en Escalante and trying to keep its residents uplifting and welcoming. Also another big factor which hindered the potential of this project was that the day I had scheduled it to take place was the same day as the air show and that day it was semi cold and it was raining a long time. That was a real stroke of bad luck because It made even doing the work just that much more harder, but even so it made the glory of volunteering for the veterans of Esperanza en Escalante just hat much more memorable.

Overall this project is something that I will probably look back and remember what Ii did and why I did it and remember that It was for a good cause, even with a few of the down falls and be reminded about how the little things in life do make a difference.