

The Bulldog Pantry

Abstract:

For Scholars in Service, I worked alongside The Bulldog Pantry and made up 60.5 hours. I was able to help with the problem of food insecurity within our community. Some of the things that I did for the Bulldog Pantry was helping organize food donations, writing thank you notes to people who donated to the pantry, check people in during food distributions, handout papers to register new people, post on social media to help people know about our food distributions, and log volunteers information into spreadsheets.



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Community Impact:

My service at The Bulldog Pantry was able to show me how extensive food insecurity is within our community. Food insecurity is constantly increasing within our community and establishments like the Bulldog pantry have a profound influence in helping lower the rate of food insecurity. We have been able to provide essentials like food, clothes, or hygiene products to people who come to the pantry to take some with them. This help provides relief to anyone in need of food. Everyone that I have worked alongside with always has a positive attitude when talking to people and helps to create a positive and happy environment within the pantry. This can help to make the people that come to us feel welcome and have an enjoyable experience with us.

What I Learned:

Throughout my service, I helped improve my organization and communication skills. The Bulldog Pantry received many donations every time we would have a food distribution coming up. So, this entailed having to organize them and I was able to put my skills to work but also improve on them. The same is to be said about communication, when working with many people I was able to come out of my shell and become more open with people. My service has formulated a distinct perspective on organizations like The Bulldog Pantry. I have always known that agencies like this put in a lot of work to be able to help the community, but I have never put deep thought into it. Now being part of it, I get to see just how much time and effort is put into helping people in the community in need of food. But also, how rewarding all the work is by being able to help the community.

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