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Reflection

During our project I had contributed to my project team by being one of the project managers. My task was to make sure everyone is doing something productive and to complete the work plan. The work plan had everything laid out as to who was responsible for getting what we needed for our bake sale.  It also included how we were going to execute the bake sale and the choir concert we will be attending on December 11th. I personally think my most significant contribution to the project was making sure our work was done on time, as we could have easily forgotten about. The work plan helped with this, because it was a reminder of what needed to be done and who still needed to do it. Although I was not the only project manager, I felt that my teammate and I did a good job of keeping our group well maintained with a positive mindset.

The practice I found most personally personally most relevant was encouraging the heart. This one was the last practices we had learned about, but doesn’t mean we should wait till the end of the project to encourage others. I felt that at certain points in our project we could get down on ourselves, overloaded with work and getting frustrated because no church would let us provide our bake sale. Encouraging the heart is important, because it is recognizing the little things and accomplishments everyone does. When someone reassured me that everything was going to be okay, I felt more confident in our project. I finally understood that it requires ups and downs to be successful and words of encouragement can be motivating.

I can see my social change project differently now, because I physically got to work with people who have disabilities. I can see the struggles they face and the capabilities they have within themselves, as I couldn’t clearly see it before. The research our project did, was based on the disabilities they young adults have at Summerhouse. This had made me understand how we should interact with them and what we need to do, so they enjoy it too. The involvement of our research had been from a Pope’s point of view, which he talked about how other people should interact with them. It changed my view on our Catholic Social Teaching (the Life and Dignity of the Human Person), because I had originally thought no one really loved and felt for these young adults. Working with Summerhouse made me realize that many other organizations get involved and work with them too.

I can see our project extending if we continue to promote for their cause, because as a whole we raised about fifteen hundred with just seven of us. If we had made club or organization of our own, we could double that and all the proceeds would go to Summerhouse. The money we would raise, would go towards purchasing commercials shredders to help their organization expand further.