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J-Teen Leadership “is dedicated to empowering and inspiring Jewish teens from all backgrounds with leadership training, core Jewish values and community service, so they can start contributing to the Jewish community and the world today”. This organization does a lot of service trips to help the less fortunate. I went on the Far Rockaway’s trip over Veterans Day and it changed my life forever.

The first stop we made was at the travel site. To me this was the most inspiring part of the trip. This was inspiring to me because right then it hit me that I am so lucky and fortunate to have the life that I do. I loved helping people start to rebuild their homes. I was talking to one lady, I don’t remember her name, and she was telling me that she had old antiques and a car that all got ruined in the hurricane. After going to the work sites, we had lunch at the JCCRP. Then we continued to work on the homes. The next day we went to Masbia, a food pantry. At Masbia, some kids cut zucchini and others peeled potatoes. The vegetables were then put into a soup and served to people. The food pantry was set up to look like a restaurant with out register so that when people come in to eat they don’t feel bad about themselves. The whole trip was so inspirational to me.

The trip was something I think that every kid should do. It helped put my life in perspective and make me feel more thankful for what I have.