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Far Rockaway

The volunteer trip to Far Rockaway was very exciting. Not only did I enjoy the trip itself and being with my friends, but the trip taught me many valuable lessons. Helping people who suffered disastrous events made me feel grateful for what I have and thankful that I have a safe home that was not ruined by a natural disaster and a healthy family who loves me. I have learned that I am extraordinarily lucky to be who I am. Originally, I went on this trip to get the hours of community service that I am required to submit to my school and to be with my friends. However, as the progressed I found a deeper meaning to the trip. On the second day of the trip, I woke up excited to continue the helpful deeds that I started on the first day. In my opinion the trip was not only a time to hang out with my friends or to make new friends, but to interact with the owners of the homes that were sadly destroyed during Hurricane Sandy and to do everything that we could to restore the comfort they used to feel in their homes before they were damaged. The trip to Far Rockaway taught me a lot about how I can help someone who is not as fortunate as me.