

J Teen Philadelphia Trip Reflection

Throughout the weekend working with J Teen working in Philadelphia, my experience led me to the realization of how much we, as a team of volunteers, not only had a significant impact on the thousands of people to improve the quality of life of the Philadelphia community but also myself, becoming part of a wider community, learning new life skills and making a difference. Among the many projects that J Teen has participated in, at Cradles to Crayons we organized approximately 2,000 clothing items. Along with the many items donated by J Teen volunteers to Cradles to Crayons, we sorted out clothing items by gender for the appropriate season. This experience did not only make me recognize how many people we would be reaching out to, but it also gave me a sense of accomplishment knowing that the recipients of the clothing will be very appreciative of their clothing. Another project that I found very meaningful was working with JRA (Jewish Relief Agency) packaging and delivering boxes of food. The aspect of this project that I was most amazed by was how organized and efficient the process of bringing people from so many organizations and schools to package the boxes. Additionally, I felt a sense of fulfillment of the service when delivering the packages directly to the apartments of the recipients. I would like to thank Guy Felixbrodt, Ben Landau, Henry Nick, and everyone else who helped make this amazing experience possible.