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While in Philadelphia I learned so much about different types of people and their backgrounds. We met with 6 different organizations and I saw how much they love to help their community. One of my favorite agencies was YouthBuild. I enjoyed that because these were kids who's lives had been very challenging, but they have been trying for a long time to get their lives back on track, graduate from school and get jobs. These kids are graduating this June. This really showed me that these kids wanted to improve their lives and graduating from school and getting a job was good for them. I also loved going to the community gardens. The people who live near the gardens want it to stay enriched with beautiful plants and be a place to see people and make their neighborhood a pleasant place to live. The volunteers from Repair the World go and help make this garden a beautiful place for their neighborhood. This also showed me how much people care about their

surroundings and want people to feel welcome. This trip really taught me how to be a good role model for your community and other ways to help your community and to be a part of it. I also had a fun time in Philadelphia meeting new people and making new friends. I can't wait for my next J-Teen Service Learning Trip!