

Going to Charleston and helping the community there was a real eye-opening experience for me. While I have been on community service trips before, and seen struggling places, Charleston was different for me. The reason Charleston was different for me was because of the division of poverty and wealth in the city. While one part of Charleston is thriving and filled with high end stores, the other side of the city is really struggling and in dire need of help. Also the reason this trip was so eye-opening for me was because throughout my life, I hadn't really experienced poverty like that in America because of how fortunate I am. Therefore being able to help a place that needed help as badly as Charleston really made me feel gratitude. Furthermore, working at places like One80 place are really rewarding because not only do you get to change the lives of people in need of help, but you also get to learn about the innovational system of help that One80 place is providing for the homeless. Also, working with Habitat for Humanity was a really great experience because it not only made me realize how much I have, but how crucial the work we did on that house was for the future inhabitants of the home. Going to the Sherman House and playing Bingo with seniors and seeing how much fun they were having but also that I was really having a good time made me notice that Community Service, on any scale, can be a really gratifying and fun experience. And while I feel we really made an impact throughout our time in Charleston, and I will always remember the experience I had there, I still feel like there is so much more to do and so many more people who we can help. Therefore I hope that all the work we did in Charleston can really create a lasting impact on the city and that we can continue to do great work and improve the lives of other people throughout the world.