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**Introduction**

 Community service can be defined as a work that is rendered by a single person or in a group that provides benefits to other people (Credo et.al, 2016). It is most of the times done near an area where one lives. The purpose behind the area local to a person is to give back to the community. Community service work is free. Which means, community service workers don’t get paid. However, sometimes worker’s work is recognized in a community meeting by proving gifts, or a t-shirt. There is a lot of difference between volunteering and community servicing because it is not often done on a volunteer basis (Stukas, Snyder & Clary, 2016).

**Discussion**

The purpose of community work is to help children, citizens and disable persons. There are different scenarios in which community service may be considered mandatory. For instance, some governments make it necessary in order to achieve nationality or citizenship. At others, it is an alternative to criminal punishment. In particular, schools have criteria in place for a certain amount of hours of community servicing. For students, it provides an opportunity to see themselves as contributing progressively in the community. Another important aspect is that students gain a deeper understanding of their responsibilities in the community.

As a student, my community has a very important place in my heart. I have always wanted to give back to my community. Ever since childhood, I have had high regard for community workers. The selfless services they have rendered regardless of themselves have motivated me to do community work. The fact that community servicing provides communities opportunities for development and empowerment. Another reason for participating in the community services is that the opportunity provides the individual active participation in the community. Interaction with different groups, local agencies, and state authorities provide an individual to gain insight into how the state machinery works.

There are several reasons why I took the community program that I had registered. Engaging with the community provided me with a chance to actively participate in the community. Life skills that I have acquired will definitely help me in the long run. Community servicing has psychological, social and cognitive benefits. Helping others gives me satisfaction. Additionally, it had helped me to ease the stress I had regarding different issues. Societal benefits of community servicing are undeniable. It increases the social bond among citizens and creates a sense of social awareness. The program helped me learn skills that would be helpful for me in real life. In short, cognitive benefits are what motivated me really to register in the program.

What I expected to gain from the community work was to have an increased sense of responsibility, active participation in the community, and diversity. It also taught me the value of life. I learned the importance of human rights as well.

Upon completion of the community work, I would seek to pursue my education further. Social sciences would definitely help me further to gain a better sense of community servicing.

**Conclusion**

 Every new community service experience provides its participant with an opportunity to get multidimensional insights. Experiences gained can be helpful in the future too. Community service that is mandatory in the majority of the schools, provides an opportunity for the student to learn how a single student can change society for the better. It also fosters a sense of acceptance and tolerance among students. Social servicing fosters cultural diversity and helps in breaking societal taboos.

 Certainly, I hope to gain enough experience from community servicing that would shape my future experiences positively. I hope to acquire skills and hands-on experience to be at an advantage when I step into professional life.

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