

Day One Leadership Community

Salvation Army

Project Executive Summary

This semester, the Green Pod ambitiously began their work at the Salvation Army in hopes to create a more efficient system for the food pantry. Our primary goal for our service-learning project was to redesign the system for the food pantry. This was accomplished by removing shelves and expired cans, sanitizing the entire room due to vermin, and rearranging the flow of the room to make it more efficient. We accomplished our primary goal successfully, but we were unable to restock the shelves with food. With this being done, it will provide a healthier care for the ones in need. After our help, the Salvation Army is now able to provide food easier. As a team, we served 120 hours and drove 480 miles.

The most important leadership lesson we learned by working at the Salvation Army this semester is that we always have to be patient. Although we ran into some difficult challenges, our group learned perseverance through hard work and dedication. The benefit of determination is reaching your goal in a productive and timely manner. Some of the main challenges we faced were handling a few problems with vermin in the pantry. To overcome our challenges, we used our service hours to conduct a cleaning project so that we could make the pantry cleaner and more organized. Throughout this semester, our initiative grew stronger and we are able to use this leadership skill while we attend Mississippi State University. As we take the understanding of patience, we have come to realize that we can overcome obstacles by being patient. Our group was united through our perseverance and patience with one another to obtain a common goal.