

# Community service learning project

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This school year has been completely different. Being in ALE was kind of a challenge, because it's totally different from what I'm usually used to. ALE has defiantly changed me in positive ways; I have a better work ethic and some experiences I probably wouldn't have ever gotten to do. Since I've been in ALE we've done a lot of volunteer work; like The Jackson House. We've gotten to go feed 90 people in need, and helped organize the Thrift store. After seeing how unfortunate people really do have it; opened my eyes, showed me that I shouldn't take advantage of the life style my family provides for me. It made me feel like I had given back and really helped someone. Since I've been here it's made me realize that I can honestly achieve anything I put my mind to. I've had the best grades I have probably ever had and my family is really proud of me. I have never worked so hard in school, because I just didn't care. ALE has shown me where I could end up if I don't care, If I have a negative prospective about things.

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When I got put into ALE I didn't not like it at all. I kept telling myself that I wouldn't do anything or try at all. I thought it was useless and wouldn't help me in anyway, But as the days went on it got better and better. I started to realize that ALE is to help me, my grades, and to help me make something of myself.

When we took our trip to volunteer at the the Jackson House Thrift Store. Each of us were put into groups and assigned specific jobs. In my group we were in the back of the store going through boxes, and throwing out the bad stuff, pricing, and stocking the good stuff; we also had to go around the store and make sure everything was organized neatly on the shelves.

Volunteering at the Thrift Store made me feel good about the work I was doing. It made me feel good knowing that I was helping people in need. Looking around it makes me think how lucky I am to have a home to go to when I get home from school, knowing that I have food, cloths, and money. ALE has helped me realize things that I don't think I would have ever even thought about and I'm thankful for that.

## Lakeside High School ALE

I was only able to participate in the Jackson House Thrift Store. In my experience I learned the importance of those kind of facilities. Thrift stores are to help those in need of, clothing, shoes, dishes, etc. This isn't my first time in an ALE environment. Though the ALE classroom should be used for helping those who need help in their studies at a high school, not for punishing. The ALE classroom this year was the most helpful, benefiting, and a little out of the ordinary to me. I was able to study at my own pace and not the teachers. I was able to still hang out with my friends and go places like the parades, lunch with my grade, and take classes out of the room. I would have to say this year in the ALE classroom was the benefiting for me.

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I am a Lakeside High School ALE student, who does community service. When I do community service I feel proud of myself, and who I have become. When I first started ALE I didn't like it, because I felt like it was worthless. I was mad and angry at everyone; because; I felt like it was their fault I was in here. I learned to take responsibility for my duties, myself, and for my mistakes. When we go on field trips to community service; I realize that some people have it bad, and they really struggle. When we went to Hot Springs Jackson house and fed all those people; I was amazed how many families have no shelter, food, or clothes. I was happy that I got to experience this and know that I helped feed someone that was hungry. I also volunteered to help out at the Jackson Thrift Store #2. It was a lot more work than I expected. I had to sort clothes, evaluate each one, and see if anything was wrong with them. If there was something wrong with the clothes, they would be put in a bag to go to Africa. I also had to put the clothes that were acceptable on a plastic hanger and put them on the display rack that was color coded. I saw that the people who volunteered at the Thrift Store have a bunch of job duties. The volunteers had to make sure everything is done before they can open the store or close it. I'm very thankful that my ALE teacher Mr. MacAfee teaches us to treat others as you want to be treated. If I hadn't ever learned to volunteer, then I probably wouldn't have ever volunteered somewhere outside of school. I would've wanted to be paid for my work but helping someone in need is a better feeling than getting money, even though you can buy what you want with money.

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Being in ALE this year has helped me bring up my grades and helped me focus, because being in a smaller class is less to handle. In the ALE this year we got to go do volunteer work at the *Jackson House*, and the *Jackson House Thrift Store Too*. If it wasn't for me being in the ALE I probably would have never volunteered, also we probably would have never done this if it wasn't for Mr. McAfee. I learned that I would much rather help people in need than be stingy.