

Applied Learning Project
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What habitat really do is building a house for low income people. “Habitat for Humanity offers homeownership opportunities to families who are unable to obtain conventional house financing. Generally, this includes those whose income is 30 to 50 percent of the area’s median income. In most cases, prospective Habitat homeowner families make a \$500 down payment. Additionally, they contribute 200 to 400 hours of. If you are single parent you do the 200 hours, if you are married you have to do the 400 hours. Sweat equity on the construction of their home or someone else’s home, because Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor, mortgage payments are kept affordable.” (Habitat for humanity, 2015). Sweat equity is a little paper that they keep on track on how many hours you work that day, and also how many hours left.

I start volunteering at Habitat for Humanity since in high school. My friends were getting the Habitat house and she invited me to go work from there house and I start from there. I enjoyed working for Habitat for Humanity, the volunteer were all friendly and I fall in love with that. Every weekend I would go there and work. I loved working there and it was amazing to help the community and build a strong relation in the community. It not just working in the community it also help you build a strong afford in your field that you choose to work for. You need to have a strong communication with people, because you will be working with people around you. It help you proper you for your future career. For example I want to work in a clinic, there are many people that I am going to meet. I need to know how to communicate with them and also how I am going to talk to them. Habitat is a great place for you if you want to build your strong communication in a community or helping the community.

Last year my parents and I, apply at Habitat for Humanity we didn't qualify for the year. My mom start saying I didn't think we will never qualify for this house. My dad said if you fail once doesn't mean you have to give up for this time. We try again and we were qualify. He also said even on a test if you fail once doesn't mean the next text you will fail again.

Working with other people might look difficult, and hard for some people. Working with other people help you to become successful and really for your future job. Working at habitat for humanity help me to build my communication skill, and a better understanding on how to work as a team. Habitat for humanity help you be part of the community and getting to know other people through volunteering and helping the community. It give you the opportunity help build the community and help you to be part of the community.

Have work with habitat for humanity sense last year. I start working with habitat For humanity sense May until now. I worded with habitat for humanity for 127 hours. I was volunteering and also at the same time, and I was working for my family house too. I love volunteer and meet other people and know them for a little and talk to them. I like helping other people and get to communicate with them, and also help the community. Working with habitat really help me with my communication skills. I was always shy to talk to stranger that I just meet or talk to someone who I don't know was really hard for me. I was shy to work with other people or with as team, I was struggling with that. Now working with a team is not a big deal for me, but before it was really a big deal. Now I can be able to communicate with the team, and work with other people, and also I can communicate with other people and talk to them first even I don't know them. We used to work as team and be able to communicate with one another. I help build houses, passing wood to the construction depending on the stage of construction. On the

day you could be assisting with interior demolition, framing, porch building, installing windows, insulating, tiling, sheet rock, painting, siding, landscaping, site clean up or anything else that helps get the house built and ready for occupancy. I did all of those things with other volunteers and my parents, my mom and my dad. Habitat helped me build my communication skills and help me to be able to work with other people. I was able to communicate with other volunteers and work with them. I get the chance to meet new people every day. The project really helped me on organizing my nonverbal communication skills. It helped me be able to think things through, our facial expressions, gestures, eye contact can be a challenge for many people, in my country looking at someone in the eyes can be disrespectful, but it is not. I had to learn that, and improve my skills on that. I learned how to use my voice in the right way. Our body language is very important, and also a powerful tool that can help you connect with others, express what you really mean, and build better relationships. The reason why I chose Habitat for Humanity is because, I always believed that feeling safe and removed from the outside elements was a basic human need. And when faced with the harsh reality of statistics about the great numbers of people who do not have their basic needs met, I felt that the Habitat for Humanity mission was something I had to be a part of. I also felt that it was far better to help people get their independence rather than just collecting money. Habitat for Humanity allowed me to make a connection with a family through an experience that we both benefited from. The community needs Habitat for Humanity because everyone deserves a safe, warm, dry place to live, and sometimes people just cannot make that happen by themselves. They need the support of their community. Habitat for Humanity changed my family lives because the place where we live at now we pay \$978 rent per month for just the house now my dad needs to pay other electric bills

and other stuffs, but in a Habitat house he will just pay \$500 Habitat is really helping many families and Habitat for Humanity need the community support.

I meet this wonderful woman called Lisa, she work with my parents through everything. She's a carrying person, a wonderful woman. Lisa work with families that are getting or to be a house owners. She make sure I and my family understand... I don't know what to say but, she work with my family through everything and. I love her so much. I enjoy working with her. I remember one day we had to sign something and I had do interpret everything to my parents. She talk slow for me so I can be able to interpret everything to my family. I love her and it was nice working with Lisa.

My skills of communication has grow strong, I was working on my house too because we are getting our house this month, December 15, 2015. I had learn a lot through the applied learning project. I experienced a lot of things and I was grateful to be part of volunteering at Habitat for Humanity.