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### Community Service Reflection

Peter says that God has given me a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts and I should use them well to serve another (1 Peter 4:10). I chose to do four hours of community service at *The Resale Center* owned and operated by *The Catholic Charity of Lubbock* on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. I met Olivia Rojas and she placed me into the care of Irma. I shadowed Irma and she instructed me what to do, how to do, and where to go. Irma gave me a grocery basket full of clothing items that needed to be restocked throughout the store. My day started off with organizing and restocking the belt rack. I went back to Irma and she refilled my basket full of hats, beanies, and Valentine's décor. After reorganizing and restocking all of those sections I went back to Irma and she wanted me to help her decorate a Valentine's Day photo booth. After trying my hand at interior designing with the Valentine Day décor, Irma sent me to the baby girl clothes and told me to organize all of the baby clothes from Newborn all the way to XL in girls. After I organized the clothes, I restocked some of the areas that had sparsity and filled in the holes with more clothes. The last 5 minutes of my time was spent talking with Olivia about *The Resale Center*. I learned that *The Resale Center* has been in business for over 30 years. They have a clothing voucher program that gives clothes and other items in the store to families in need. They receive funding from the Lubbock community who donates the money to keep them running. I learned that I was extremely tired after the four hours because I did a lot. It makes me appreciate the people like Irma who are employed full time there to keep that place running. By the end of the day, I was filthy and my hands felt dirty. I felt extremely humbled and yet productive because I felt that I had earned the accomplishment of completing my four hours of service. I had earned a good and hard day's work.