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Community Service Reflection

The service activities I was doing was packing two packages of oatmeal into boxes. As this may sound easy it was challenging. It was challenging because as I was opening my product the boxes were coming, and I had to put the oatmeal in there. It really was a fast-paced environment. South Plains Food Bank was opened in 1983 when some citizens were worried about the food insecurity in the area. This service contributes to the community by giving more than three thousand boxes a month to citizens who need help with food supplies. If the people do not have a way to make it to the food bank to pick up their box, the food bank has an option to get the box delivered straight to their door. The food bank also serves more than twenty counties around the area now. The food bank gets its funding through donations from people around the community. They are 501 c 3 nonprofit organization that helps the people around the community. What I have learned about myself with the volunteer action is that I am more capable of pushing myself to the limits. What I mean by this is that even when I thought I couldn't open any more boxes that had the product in I kept pushing. I went through four pallets that had the product I was using because I kept pushing no matter what. We did not get a break in the four hours we were there, and I kept going. We packed about 1200 boxes just in the little while we were there. I also learned that I could do more than multi-tasking. I was opening my product, packing the oatmeal in the boxes that were coming fast in the table and throwing my trash away.

I enjoyed doing my community service at the food bank and help a service that helps our community.