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Community Service Reflection

Today I chose to help at The Resale Center with Catholic Charities. My task consisted of sorting out the donated clothing and miscellaneous items at the center as well as disposing of items that should not be sold or in bad condition. In that time alone, 4 donations came in. The room where donations are turned in was packed with an incredibly massive mountain-like pile of trash bags, boxes, totes, you name it. During the 4 hours completed, the donation room still looked the same! The tables where everything was sorted were all stacked, from newborn to adult sizes. The opposite side of the facility had furniture donations.

Catholic Charities has been servicing the community for 40 years, with different programs such as Immigration Services, Kinship Navigation for those family members taking care of other children, and other beneficial programs to those who require assistance. Aside from The Resale Center selling used items at affordable prices, they also provide help to the community by providing to those that are going through difficult situations. Whether having lost everything by natural disaster or financially struggling to provide for oneself, the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Program gathers items from The Resale Center to give. Luckily, The Resale Center is going on 30 plus years of business. They are a self-sustained business that runs on donations and sells alone. Any additional contributions or proceeds are distributed equally back into the Catholic Charities Programs.

Volunteering at The Resale Center with Catholic Charities was an eye-opening experience. The amount of work that is required of the employees to maintain the store requires a lot of patience, organization skills, and determination. I personally felt that contributing to the community was beneficial, and it allowed me to see how blessed I am

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to have the opportunity of being financially stable and to be able to provide for my family. It was also heart-warming knowing and seeing the amounts people donated to those that unfortunately might not relate.