

The Legacy Project Summary for

Portfolio

This nursing student chose to do the Legacy Project on Dwelling Place in Danville, Illinois. This place was never used before for this purpose, and nobody knew very much about it. That is why this nursing student wanted to learn more about this place. The contact was made by phone with a lady named Sharon, who gave the student(s) permission to work there for eight hours. This work had to be done in a couple of visits because the place is open a maximum of five hours on Monday and Friday. Other days are open for less time. Everyone who works there at Dwelling Place works as a volunteer.

This student contributed to Dwelling Place, working with other volunteers to receive and sort donations. Private citizens gave donations, and that usually included clothes. Other donations were from different stores, like socks, flashlights, hygiene products, and over-the-counter medications for pain and temperature. These donations were sorted and given to visitors to pick up their needs. This student was preparing food for visitors and making packages so they could take something with them when they left the place. This student also did the food inventory, counting food packages and recording that on the computer.

The dwelling place is primarily open to homeless people but also to those who do not have sufficient funds for survival. Homeless people can have a shower and wash their clothes there. They can get warm meals twice a week, and on other days, they can get sandwiches and lemonade. People donate cookies. They can talk, socialize, and rest for a while. The place is clean and welcoming volunteers. This student finds Dwelling Place excellent for those looking for volunteering hours. Working in this place was a good education on how little things can make a big difference in the lives of the homeless population.