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#### **Activity Journal #4**

**Go to your local United Way (<https://www.unitedway.org/find-your-united-way>). Pay careful attention to the current Annual Report. What agencies receive the most money from United Way? What are the services that these agencies provide to your community? Do you agree with the priorities that the allocation of funds seems to suggest? What would you do differently, if anything?**

After visiting the United Way website, I entered the zip code for NYC and was taken to the impact report that was recorded during the year of 2022. The United Way of New York City has raised more than \$17 million and received more than \$275,000 in in-kind services to counteract the COVID-19 global crisis. This massive collection of funds was distributed to more than 300 community-based organizations. The funds are supported by more than 1,270 donors, 45 institutions, and 31 long-lasting corporate partnerships. The agencies that receive the most money from United Way seem to be agencies deeply involved in racial equity and social justice. These involve the support of black communities to ensure they are receiving the proper quality education and black-owned businesses. The United Way of New York City provide a vast array of services including financial support for families (organization called "LIFT NY"). This organization works with various families to provide the utmost financial, social, and personal support. The second service is strengthening their nonprofits using technology (organization called "Hunger Free NYC"). Hunger Free NYC provides services such as SNAP which are benefits designed to help provide funds to low income families in order to purchase food. The third service is innovation through collaboration (this organization is called "Plentiful"). The top priority of this organization is to address the hunger crisis throughout NYC by designing an app for smartphones that encourage the increase of food capacity and sharing information regarding the location of food pantries distributing food for those in need. The fourth service is ReadNYC: Living up to full potential (this organization is called "ReadNYC"). The purpose of this organization is to ensure NYC's teachers are equipped with valuable resources and knowledge to properly teach students in underserved communities. The fifth service is stabilizing families through eviction prevention (this organization is called "Lenox Hill Neighborhood House"). This organization's main objective is to provide emergency food and shelter programs to fully support low-income New Yorkers in order to prevent hunger, eviction potential, as well as their basic household needs. The sixth service is expanding services (the organization is called "West Harlem Group Assistance Inc. "). The purpose of this organization is to strengthen the economic vitality of Harlem. One of their programs (communities for healthy food) have been designed to provide Harlem residents with pantry services, nutrition education, SNAP benefits, and reduce diet-related diseases. As for the agencies that received the most funds, given the history of African American's discrimination and persecution, I agree that funding the black communities

so that they can ensure their growth within their communities is something I can fully support. If I had the choice to do something differently, I would establish an agency that addresses discrimination for ALL minority groups (Asian-Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, etc.) to ensure every ethnic group is receiving all of the available resources and benefits as everyone else.