

Journal 7: Finding the Beat of the Community

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After reading Chapter 11, I learned there are various ways communities can be denied as. Community is not only limited to a geographical place where people are living but it can consist of a group of people who share common interests and goals. Communities can be powerful especially if everyone is involved and is about unity. As a social work student, I learned to not problematize communities but also to look at and honor communities' strengths, and assets. Communities can be a bedrock for someone and/or a hindrance block, it can affect people's lives because that is where someone tends to spend most of their time geographically and connect with people who share the same interest as them.

Learning about why community is important, As a social work student, intern, and future social worker help me understand why I should be involved in the community I live in and serve. Due to the foundation of social work practice beginning in community involvement, it's only right I keep that tradition alive. Due to my internship, I got to witness how beautiful and important it is to be involved in communities. I got to meet new people who are talented, kind, and comedic. It was beautiful to witness how autistic children were so happy to meet elderly people, and how patient and warm the elderly were toward them. My heart melted and I was filled with so much joy. After I learned what community development consisted of, it inspired me to be community oriented. I would like to host and do community events in my community and collaborate with other communities to do events that are centered on fun, resources, and opportunities that allow people to showcase their gifts and talents. Knowing community can be a bedrock for people, I want to be part of keeping the bedrock alive and well.