

Journal Entry # 3

In the book “Responsive Leadership in Social Services” by Stephen de Groot, I truly found chapter 8 of this book to be really important because it provides hope and vision for what comes next after graduation. For starters, I really liked the quote from Edward Hale and how it connects to various sections within this chapter. The truth is that you can’t always help or save everyone, even more so if you are trying to do it alone. But that doesn’t mean that we give up either. 1 Corinthians 12:12 says “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form on body, so it is with Christ.” Our talent or strengths within this field of social work are only one part of change effort. We need other people to partner with, provide feedback and to hold us accountable in order for real change to occur. However, in order to achieve this, we must truly know ourselves and what it is that we truly value or desire within ourselves and within this field of social work. For me, my desire lies in creating and building community for those who feel powerless due to their situation and helping them realize that they are not alone. I myself sometimes struggle with asking for help and constantly try to carry the load by myself. But how can I create and promote community for others if I am trying to carry this load by myself? It’s not possible. Although this is a habit I am still learning how to let go of, I know that overtime, with a proper plan, practice, and feedback and accountability from others, I will be able to truly have fun with what I am doing in this field.