1. What is your opinion on volunteering and non profit organizations to tackle social causes?

**I think it’s really effective. Someone has to take the initiative. And Non-Profit organizations, often have the support of other for-profit organizations and the government to help achieve their objectives.**

1. As a member of the community, what are the challenges you face in terms of connecting/ looking up organizations that you want to contribute to?

Note about this question: At this point the person being interviewed will state a few points and I will ask them to elaborate by saying “Tell me more” and ask them follow up question as to whether time management influences their decisions to volunteer or not as the people who can interviewed can be student to old age people who with different kind of schedules. Elderly people would typically have more flexible schedule

**Obviously, time is a major challenge. I’m also, aware that more underprivileged regions of the GTA are farther away from Downtown. And often we’re not fully aware of the difference in work culture and circumstances, until we start volunteering. So accessibility is a serious issue.**

1. What kind of volunteering/social causes are you interested in contributing to?

**I’m currently very interested in youth initiatives. Simply because, there are so many kids out there who have the potential to fulfil their ambitions, but don’t have the resources. It’s important to help them understand the importance of education or even self-education in enabling them to realize their goals.**

1. What are your concerns on the legitimacy of non profit organizations?

Again I will ask them to tell me more and elaborate on their points and possibly ask questions based on the points they make

**This is why simply donating is not sufficient for community service. Volunteering and actively participating within the organization helps justify its legitimacy.**

1. What is your primary source of receiving advertisements/ communication from non profits?

**Through the center for community partnerships at U of T. And my mom is heavily involved in social work, so I help her out too, whenever I go back home.**

1. What do you think non profits can do better connect with the public?

**Perhaps reach out to the public through more mainstream events that’ll also help raise funds. I know this one organization is doing an event with the Toronto Raptors, to create awareness about their goals and initiatives.**

1. In your opinion how do you feel about technology playing a role in bridging a gap between the public and non profits?

**It plays a huge role. Appropriate Facebook targeting and a smooth website can work wonders for fund raising or donations.**

1. What are your long term or even short term plans to contribute to the society in any way?

**Currently leading a Scholarship Campaign for a youth organization. I’ll be working on it over Reading Week this semester.**