

1. When serving these migrant and refugee families it taught me a lot about trust and advocacy. It shows me that trust is essential in terms of making the dream work. By bringing in my clothing donations and sending the link out to raise money, the families in need placed their trust in us to make sure they get what they need. They believe in us to help make their lives better in any way we can. The fundraiser is going to help families by giving them supplies and preparing the family for education and life. They put their trust in us to help them out long term. We work together as a team to help reach goals together! It is an extremely helpful task.
2. When I was raising funds by spreading the link I did not really feel like I helped so much because I am not sure if everyone donated something. I did feel kind of help, but not at the same time because I did not get told if someone I sent the link did donate or not. However, when I was distributing clothing that felt more promising and helpful. I know the clothes are going to go to someone in need and that it was going to because I provided the clothing. I love knowing that the clothes I once wore or someone in my family wore, and do not fit us anymore are going to help a family or an individual in some way. It really helped me understand why giving back is so important because rather than having these clothes collect dust by being left in the back of my dresser, they were going to be worn by someone who really could use them. I just felt overall amazing and great at the same time collecting the clothes and bringing them in. So now I know for future reference that rather than letting these clothes take up space with no use, it is better to pass them on by donating.
3. Within the three research studies I think the second one resonates more with me and the people I know. A lot of immigrant families come over to America in hopes of providing better care and resources for their families. One of those being education in which oftentimes it relates to a good education and a college degree which is held to a high standard and I think symbolizes high excellence for them. As a first generation student myself who looks to be graduating with a college degree I also can relate to that prestige that the degree brings and want that. By participating in this I am aware that with the money I help raise it will lead to reaching a family having a step forward in their education which makes me feel happy to know which motivated me to keep going. They get some money to help make their dreams come true and they learn it comes from teamwork.
4. This experience helped confirm how much of a difference we can make collectively as a group and not just individually. I worked with my class to help raise money and bring in donations for families in the community which was teamwork and we got pretty far together which emphasizes how important it is to work together to reach a common goal. The strengths of this was having a group work together. We all took part together and

doing it alone would have been way harder. A limitation to this can be the huge amount of dependency we have on grants. Meaning that we rely on outside sources aside from us to help reach the goals. As we spread the link around to raise money it does not always guarantee an automatic donation from someone. We are not guaranteed donations from everyone and it is a reality we have to face. That still does not take away how great it feels to try and help the community out.

5. This experience with ChiEAC helped shape my views and also gave me a sense of purpose. I always knew my purpose was to help other people and usually I do it by talking and engaging, but this time I helped do it virtually. As well as actively donating too. It really elevated my purpose to a higher level because I actually took part in it at all. It helps lead me to really take part in more of these soon in the future because it expands how anything can mean something. I hope to keep supporting others by doing anything from online fundraising, donating, or whatever it takes. My experience with ChiEAC helped give me a chance to put my foot in the door in actively helping. I would love to continue giving back and helping my community however much I can.