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1. Helping serve migrant families taught me that trust is very important for these groups as they have come from a different place and they need someone to trust in order to help them. Before I took this class, I was unaware of what I was capable of doing in order to help these families out and I think that spreading the word and doing my part was a new growth in my character as this was something i never thought of doing.
2. When I had sent the link for the donations to family and friends, it made me realise that these are the people I trust when it comes to community organizing. Like if there was a problem in my community that I was concerned with, I knew I could count on these people for their support even if the problem had no effect on them. I felt proud of myself for spreading the word for this organisation because thi was the first time I had ever done something like this and it felt like I stepped out of a comfort zone.
3. Study 2 seemed to resonate with me the most due to it being about the perceptions of a college degree due to the fact that I know many first generation immigrants in school who were the first in their families to get a college degree. To them this is very important and is a very big milestone in their life. To me this is important as well because my dad didn't go to college and this is me wanting better for myself. I believe that data can shape public understanding because it can show the public what certain groups of people think that they normally wouldn't pay attention to
4. This experience confirmed my belief that when people come together as a community, that community becomes powerful and is able to challenge complex issues like education and job access for immigrants. In my highschool civics class I first learned about being active in my community by going to town hall meetings. I also went to a field trip in high school where I went to chicago to help unpack items in a church that were donated for the venezuelan migrants. This experience made me realise that there is more I can do for my community and help individuals directly by getting other people on board with my efforts. I believe that this has its limitations and that is people who choose to ignore organizations like this so they don't get all the help they need.
5. I think this experience has shaped my community outreach skills. My goal is to keep being active in my community and my vision in the future is to be a strong role model for my family, friends and others when it comes to helping people. I believe that experiences like this can help others reach the same goals that I want.