I learned more about many new things about myself, firstly, my faith in God, has grown entirely after this experience. The trust that was put into the minds of these people really shows that God always has a path for everyone and to let God direct the next steps as it will always be positive at the end. Despite the hardships I have gone through in the past I understand that I will never be in the same situation forever. Many people tend to let go of their faith because of temporary issues and after this experience I see that if there is a will there will be a way. ~N. A.~

I've done volunteer work in the past, as I've already indicated, but this experience has made me realize that I don't do it nearly enough. I intend to devote more of my free weekends to volunteering, especially for the Happy Helpers program, and I also intend to give canned goods to the program as they need contributions to buy food. I discovered how much I am willing to give to others and how I thrive in this kind of setting, which sparked an interest in potential jobs or volunteer work with underprivileged people. Volunteering immediately helps underprivileged groups while boosting one's self-esteem and motivating one to contribute more. ~K. B.~

I also learned that service is what has been missing in my life and it brings the most fulfillment. I am very observant and nurturing and the same way I would make sure the homeless are seen and felt heard, is how I treat those who I am volunteering with.~N.H.~

I learned that I enjoy giving back to those in the community and those in need. It makes me feel good to do an act of kindness for people and even though I am helping other people, I also feel good about myself. ~K. S~

In regard to implementing service in my life and in the lives of others, which include my family, it's important to realize that in order to see the change in the world we must be that change. I also believe that allowing myself to serve within these different communities and spaces builds on my humanity to strive for a greater change and vision of what I hope the future to be. ~A. T.~

Being a part of this made me feel wholesome and joyful. After volunteering for a few weeks, I felt at peace with my past. I have come to peace with what happened to me two years ago and accepted that life has other plans for me.~I.T.~

Volunteering my time to better my community helped me realize how much I miss volunteering. My mom started working with Court Appointed Special Advocates and they will be having plenty of opportunities to volunteer, I plan to offer my time to help out at their events to help children in the foster care system.

~S.K.~