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## YLDP Service Project Essay

This year, when the time came to choose a service project, I decided that I would help the people who are less fortunate during this time of crisis. Volunteering for Sai Seva helped develop a better understanding of teamwork and our community.

Teamwork played a valuable role in my service project. The service required some people to cook and the others to deliver the food to places such homeless shelters in Downtown . To get the job done properly, both teams had to communicate and plan the procedure before carrying it out. I saw that each and every time, there were no misunderstandings or miscommunications between both teams. They both worked swiftly and efficiently, and they always got the job done on time. Teamwork works the same way in the professional world as well. This reminded me of something one of our guest speakers, Mr. Bob Patel, told us. While spreading his knowledge of leadership, Mr. Patel had told us that it was important for a leader to treat their team as a family and keep up communication with them. I learnt that if a team cannot cooperate, they will not be able to succeed in achieving their final goal.

Sai Seva also taught me the meaning of community. Judge Sandhill, one of our guest speakers, once asked us what community meant to us. Many people came forth and claimed that community is a group of people with common ideas and beliefs. Judge Sandhill then pointed out that we focus more on how a community impacts us, and not how we can impact a community. What the Judge said reminded me of the goal behind my service project. If I wanted to live in a good community, I would have to contribute to it in a positive manner.

Doing community service for Sai Seva has taught me that it is important to share a connection with your teammates and contribute to the community. Sai Seva served as a way for me to put what I learned in YLDP to the test. Teamwork and community are valuable in the process of becoming a successful leader and making a difference in the world.



Freshly cooked pasta, to-go'd and ready for delivering to homeless shelters through Sai Seva