Pre-Service Journal Activity

Answer four of the following questions in a journal (2 pages, typed)--to be turned in before you participate in your service learning day.

1. What expectations do you have about your service experience?
2. What do you think you will do at the agency?
3. What impact do you think you will have?
4. What are the social issues addressed by this project?
5. What community needs does the agency address?
6. What are the causes of those community needs?
7. How do people contribute to this problem? How do we help to solve it?

Post –Service Reflection Journal (3-4 pages, typed)
(respond to all questions)
due: Oct. 7

1. Give a detailed description of the work that you did, including a description of those with whom you worked, the actual activities you did, the organization’s goals for your work, its goals for you as an individual, and its goal as an agency. What did you learn about the people with whom you worked or served? In what ways has your service caused you to reexamine your values, beliefs, or behaviors?

2. Explain why the work is important to you and to the organization. Why does the community need exist? How do you see your participation in service learning benefiting individuals, the neighborhood, your community, your state, or your country? How does the work contribute to a civil society or the common good? How has your service learning effort affected your own sense of civic responsibility? Has your service learning experience changed your perceptions about how you can affect the lives of other? Explain.

3. In what ways has your service learning placement made the course material relevant? Be specific and provide concrete examples.

4. If you could change something about his project what would it be? How would you do it?

5. Is there anything you wish you would have known before you started your service assignment? How would that knowledge benefited you?