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Community Service Reflection Paper

For the community service assignment, I volunteered at the house on Thursday for about three hours. I spent the first two hours inside the house with the painting group. We painted the kitchen walls and cabinets. Once there were too many people inside the kitchen it became really difficult to keep working so I went outside. Outside I helped to paint the door and the porch fence and trim although a lot of the work was mostly done and did not need too much doing. I think community service is really important because something that seems small and is only a small amount of time for someone can have a great impact on another person’s life.

I wish that I had been able to volunteer more with the class on the Saturday so that I could have been able to contribute more to the project. In the future, I think I will try and volunteer with the same group again. I am also thinking about volunteering at an Occupational Therapist’s office or a rehabilitation clinic here in Columbia because it would be great experience for me to have since that is the career path I am currently looking at.

While volunteering at the house, I got the chance to talk to one of the family members of the couple. She was incredibly optimistic and positive about life. She told me that she had really wanted to go to college but was unable to because of a learning disability. The conversation really made me appreciate how lucky I am. I worked hard to get here but I am also extremely aware of how easily I might not have had this opportunity if I had been born into a different family or if my situation had been different. I am hoping that any community service I partake in in the future will give me more experience and help to broaden my view on the world.