Elder Project Formal Write Up Reflection - RHS Sock Drive

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When we contemplated which community service project we wanted to do, we dove into research about items the homeless in our community needed the most. This is where we came up with our "why." The number one most needed item for homeless organizations around the country is socks because people don't think about how important socks are. We first took action by creating an outline. We did this in the beginning of the year so some of our plans did shift, however, we are proud of our finished project. For example, instead of going through Sharon Felipe we are now going to a different homeless shelter. We also decided to do a single box in the front office to save space in teachers' classrooms and also reduce the amount of cardboard boxes used. In our plan of action, we first made a box where the socks could be put in. Then, we made an announcement that was read all week about where to donate the socks and we both posted on our social media about the importance of this movement. Finally, we took the box from the front office and organized the unused and fully packaged socks to be prepared for our local homeless shelter. The only thing we would change is completing this project earlier in the year as senior events, preparation, and all things crazy really made it hard to focus on this important act of service. However, we did learn from this and will advise future elders to not do the same as us when it comes to timing. We are so grateful for this opportunity to give back to our community, especially as legacy leaders. We recognize how blessed we are to be able to reach into a drawer and pull out a pair of socks without a second thought. We also understand that not everyone is as fortunate as we are, therefore, we wanted to take advantage of this opportunity and give back. Our purpose for this service project was to brighten the lives of members of our community and we hope we were able to bless many families by doing this.