

# **PARKROSE STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

## **SERVICE PORTFOLIO - COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM**

Community Service Event: St. Rita Church Spaghetti Dinner Auction

Service Location: St. Rita Church

Amount of Hours: 4 hours

Date: April 27, 2015

---

Detailed Description of Service: St. Rita's held their annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction. Several residents from around the Parkrose community attend this annual event. They help to raise funds for various projects the church runs throughout the year.

My responsibilities were to help setup the table and decorations before the dinner started. Once the decorations were set, I helped take plates of food out to those attending the event. As people were finishing their food, I was asked to bus the tables and remove the dirty plates from the table. At the end of the evening we helped finish cleaning the tables and took the trash out.



---

### **REFLECTION**

1. What did you learn about yourself as a result of doing this service?

I think I realized that community service is much more than just helping people. At first I thought I was just helping some older people move heavy pots around. What I found out was that community service is really all about relationships. It is about having conversations with people I wouldn't normally have a chance to meet. I learned that when communities come together, we can accomplish so much. This was way more than just a dinner and auction. I learned about community, and the importance of team-work to accomplish something bigger than just one person.

2. What influence did you have on the Organization (what difference did you make)?

I feel I had a huge impact on the quality of life of some of the guests of the party. I met a few individuals who did not have many family members in Portland. They were older individuals who did not have an opportunity to talk with people very often. I learned stories of Parkrose "back-in-the-day". In fact, I was able to talk to a person that graduated from Parkrose High School back in 1952! I know they had a very good time hearing about how school was like now versus then.

3. How did engaging in this Community Service make you a stronger leader?

I think this Community Service opportunity helped me break out of my shell a little. I was a little nervous to step out and talk to people I did not know before this. I realized that in opportunities

like the Spaghetti dinner, people are just social butterflies. We all want someone to share our life with. Why should I be scared to talk to others? We are all here to enjoy every day to the fullest. I plan to take some of these ideas of communication and putting them to work at Parkrose.

Supervisor: Tim Smith 503-408-2600