

# Year of Service Synopsis 2020

## Broad Street Achievement Program

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Coming into my second year as Mount Leadership Society Scholar, I was very excited to choose a service site while completing my Year of Service as a second year. The site that I decided to volunteer at was the Broad Street Achievement Program. This was an afterschool program to help children with homework, meals, or healthy habits as they may have not had these resources prior to program. As a volunteer, I served as a mentor for many of these children ranging from 5 years old to 13 years old. I helped them with homework for an hour, we cooked a meal, and then we had time for games and physical activity. One major idea that I took away from this program was how to communicate with many different types of people, especially children. I also learned that it is very important to stay patient with children and my peers, as they may learn in a variety of different ways than I do. The Broad Street Achievement Program enhanced my communication skills and allowed me to make relationships with those around me.

At my site, there were many challenges that I had to overcome, as well. For instance, it was very difficult to see these children in their school environments. Many of the urban school districts that they were in did not have adequate resources for learning that the children needed. The children often found themselves struggling with the coursework. Therefore, I was glad that I could be a resource that these kids could use when it came to classwork and homework. I also tried to serve as a mentor for these kids in terms of higher education and secondary learning. Many of the children at Broad Street were very intrigued with the idea of college, and I wanted to continue to spark this interest for them. Another major takeaway that I took away from this experience is continuing to help those in need, especially when it comes to education. Many children do not receive the resources that they need, and this experience opened my eyes to the severity of this issue. I want to continue to work towards adequate resources in education to help our future generations.

Overall, my time at the Broad Street Achievement Program was a great experience for me. I hope to have helped the children in many ways such as classwork and healthy habits. I know these children have helped me to grow immensely, and I am so grateful for this experience.

