

Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resource Center

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What is the CRC?

The CRC is a resource center and food pantry for its local community members, but it is also just a safe space and family for those who need it. They also host multiple free dinners/lunches throughout the week.

My experience

Food Pantry Shopping

1. When a client is looking to shop in the food pantry, I help walk them through the pantry and let them know item limits, give advice and just engage with them. I often ask them questions about themselves and try to get to know them. When there are not shoppers, I often organize the shelves.

Community Dinners

2. On Thursday nights I help assist in the free community dinner that the CRC provides. I use this time to really get to know the community members and build meaningful relationships. Sometimes I also assist those in need to gather their dinner or other resources, and help clean up the CRC for the week.

Major Takeaways

- **Being aware** of my voice, the way I perceive others, and the way I present myself is integral in listening and making a difference in others lives.
- What I can **learn from those I am serving** makes just as big of an impact in my life and growth as I'm trying to make in theirs- if not more.
- The biggest thing I have learned can be summed up in how **big of a difference a small place can make if the people make it that way**. Building relationships outside of campus and reflecting on our own life is such an important part of service. We are here for eachother and this world is hard.

