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# HUMANITARIAN BENEFITS

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The tools fostered and developed with The Embracing Project act as a catalyst to the transformation of the youth that we serve to thrive as successful members of society. Their participation in Humanitarian Acts is vital to achieving this goal.

## **BENEFITTING THE GROUP**

- Lower operation costs: Teenagers are estimated to volunteer 2.4 billion hours annually at no cost to organizations
- Promoting the knowledge of an organization, issue, or cause
- Enhancement of social awareness & spreading knowledge, understanding, and education

## **BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITY**

- Social Services: Volunteers often assist the neediest and most at-risk of populations, providing the most crucial of services in addition to sharing acts of humanitarianism.
- Economy: Volunteers lower operation costs, in fact in 2006 an estimated \$60 billion was contributed to the United States economy (\$35 billion by youth) by acts of volunteerism & service alone.
- Promoting Community: Youth who volunteer often feel more connected to their community, they are able to realize change, and are more likely to remain an active part of their community.

## **BENEFITTING THE VOLUNTEER**

- Skill Development & Work Experience
- Enhances Marketability
- Increases College Acceptance
- Development of Meaningful Relationships & Networking
- Development of Social Competency: Respect & Compassion, Patience, Kindness & Acceptance, Sense of Belonging, Leadership Skills, Confidence & Self Esteem
- Development of Mental Assets: Empowerment, Positive Identity, Sense of Purpose
- Avoidance of Destructive Behaviors: Youth who volunteer just one hour or more a week are 50% less likely to abuse alcohol, cigarettes, become pregnant, or engage other destructive behavior.

## **GENERATIONAL BENEFITS**

- Impact of Negative Opinion: 61% of American adults are convinced that today's youth face a crisis in their values and morals, and just 20% of young people perceive that adults in the community value them. When presented with images of young people doing community service, the opinion of adults might be changed.
- Future Volunteers: Youth who volunteer are three times more likely to volunteer as adults.