

Project Connect: *Quotes from Pre-service Teachers and 8th-graders*

"I have learned a lot about the career possibilities related to working with small children. I have learned that a lot of educational jobs are available where you work in an environment with small children."

"I think I will do volunteer work in the future because I think it is important for teens to get involved in something other than their own personal lives. I think a few teenagers give our whole social class a bad name. I want people to realize that not all kids are self-centered and troublesome."

"My experience made me more aware, in many ways, that there were problems going on in Bellingham."

"Sarah, Nicole, and I have all decided that we will go back to the food bank this summer. We all got a lot out of working at the food bank, and I definitely want to come back and help. The stuff that we get done is so important to the people who need the food bank. Without volunteer workers like us, the food bank wouldn't exist."

"I will definitely continue to volunteer because I enjoyed the experience and I found it to be fun. It helps the community and makes me feel good to be doing something good. When I look back on my life, I want to be able to say I made the world a better place."

"Through service-learning, I have developed a higher level of communicating to strangers. It is easier to make conversation with people I'm unfamiliar with. I think that communication is a great skill to master."

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