

Round 2

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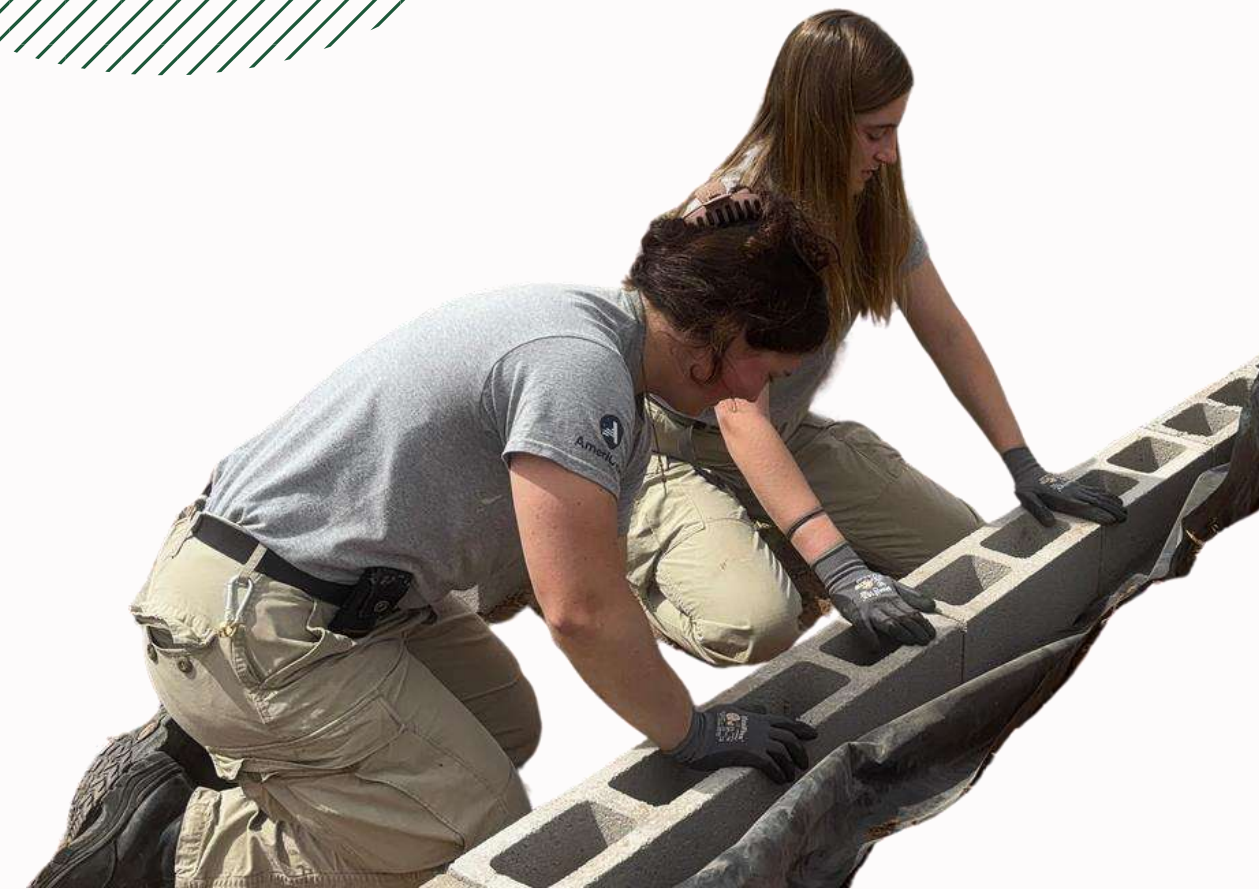


Overview

Urban and Rural
Development

El Paso, TX

A.Y.U.D.A. and El
Pasoans
Fighting Hunger



Project Goals

- Prepare A.Y.U.D.A.'s community garden and mural for the Earth Day event
- Advance the quality of life of El Paso county's low-income residents
- Improve access to good food and nutrition and a clean environment



CM Sarah Meade helping at A.Y.U.D.A.'s food distribution line!

POSITIVE COMMUNITY ENTRY

- Completed ISPs with Rescue Mission of El Paso and Kelly Center for Hunger Relief
- Worked up a sweat before work with community members at A.Y.U.D.A.! (Thanks, Lupe)
- Participated in events important to the community, including the city-wide clean-up and Earth Day celebration
- Group discussions and reflections



Accomplishments-

- Initiated and led our own mini-project: painting a mural
- Attended 6 community events by A.Y.U.D.A.
- Planted 30 plants
- Repackaged 1,080lbs of food for distribution
- Packed 1,853 boxes of food for distribution
- Served 13,998 individuals in food distribution line



Member Development

- Collaboration, patience, and problem-solving
 - Practiced through a team-led mural painting and gardening project at A.Y.U.D.A.
- Painting techniques and gardening knowledge
 - Gained while completing a community mural and planting at A.Y.U.D.A.
- Professional communication and community engagement (English & Spanish)
 - Strengthened by interacting with diverse community members at El Pasoans Fighting Hunger, a high-traffic service site.



CM JoNae “Nae” King picking a carrot!

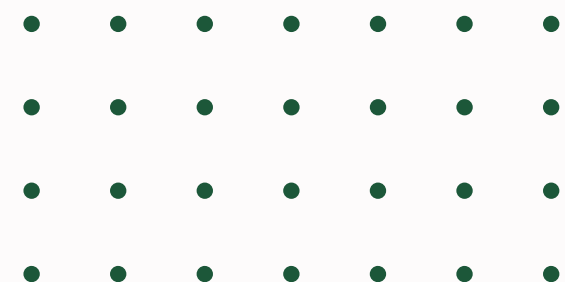
Challenges and Lessons Learned

Challenges

- Adapting to Dust Storm Conditions
- Language barriers in Service
- AmeriCorps Policy on Home Visits

Lessons Learned

- Due to unpredictable weather conditions, we recognized the importance of conducting daily weather assessments to ensure safety and preparedness
- We learned that consistent practice and having CMs provide translation support throughout the day helps reduce language barriers and improve communication
- We recognized that the women of AYUDA are the backbone of the organization, and that realization empowered us as an all-girls group.



Most Memorable Moments as a Team

Tomatoes!



El Pasoan Fighting Hunger Food Bank

Earth Day Event!



A.Y.U.D.A.

Carlsbad Caverns!



Hikes