

### ***Is change really change?***

*I am Javier Diaz, and I am part of the City Heights cohort. Some of the things that my group and I wanted to help with, to change the community, were to find more places for community gatherings. We got word from our consultant, Maritza, that she was in charge of a farmer's market, called the fair@44. So, we decided to start going to the the fair@44 every week. We helped to find out what the customers wanted to see at the fair by interviewing all the people that came. we also helped all the vendor set up and helped with anything that they needed. That was a really easy task since I am a really good talker and also I am very profesional. Then, we got all the information and passed some of it along to Maritza. This was a really important part of the project because if we would not have asked what they wanted we would not had had what they wanted and then no one would come. The whole point was to get the community together and have fun and really enjoy what their community has to offer. We would keep some to try and help to get some of the things they wanted to have there and we worked on trying to get them for the next time that they would come and hope that they had a good time and want to come back. We started with a lot of ideas and a lot of them were just not able to work out or it was to time consuming for us to do. I really think that even though we did not make a huge change to the community I feel that I changed the community a little because I was always going on field trips to City Heights and I helped to make it look as good as it could. Another thing that I did to help this community was that I used my charm on the locals so that they would like me and the place so that they would want to come back and I would take all their suggestions and try to implement them into the fair by sharing them with my group mates and also attempting to get them myself altho some of them were a little out there like one gentleman wanted beer and well we could not get that. This project has changed the way that I think because before the project I never really liked to go and help the communities around me or even mine but when I noticed that the people in the community were so friendly I told myself hey i'm not a selfless person I should be helping out more like what I have done for this project.*

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