My Badger Reach Experience

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I spent my summer interning with Second Harvest Heartland. Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation’s largest hunger relief organizations. Their primary function is as a foodbank, and with unmatched storage capacities Second Harvest is able to supply food to many different community partners throughout the state.
What I did

• I worked on the SNAP Outreach team
• My internship title was SNAP Outreach Intern
• Most of my work entailed outreach at community partner sites to identify clients so they could be referred to our specialists
Realizations

- Considering the client is paramount
  - You can’t make the community a better place without bettering individuals in it

- Place matters
  - Considering where you are and the unique context that comes with that place is crucial for being able to connecting with folks
Takeaways

- Setting goals is important to personal growth
- Both long and short term goals should be set and monitored thoroughly using benchmarks
- Direct application is crucial in community betterment
- To most effectively change the lives of community members, direct application of assistance and expertise is required
• Keep an open mind about the ways you could see yourself impacting your community this summer
• Don’t get too focused on one specific internship/field
• Remember you are out there trying to make a positive difference
• This experience will help you in many ways, so make the most of it