Spring 2011 Service Learning Project: Women Who Care Ministries

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Course Purpose
- Introduction to concepts, methods, and skills needed for effective consultation in organizations.

Course Objectives
- Develop an understanding of consulting through seminars and field experience

Group Assignment
- Act as consultants for a non-profit organization.
1. Selected and contacted an organization
2. Met with the Executive Director and a Board Member
3. Attended an Annual Board Retreat
4. Provided a Recommendations Report to the Executive Director
Faith-inspired, community outreach non-profit in Gaithersburg, MD

Started as women’s fellowship group in 2001

Mission: To help hurting people overcome

Services offered: Assistance overcoming homelessness, domestic violence, hunger and substance abuse

Helping Kids Eat Backpack Weekend Food Program

Founder and Executive Director, Judith Clark
Population served
- Children
- Victims of domestic violence
- Hungry and Homeless

Reflections and Lessons Learned
- Working with a non-profit organization
  - Limited access to resources and materials
  - Overworked and staffing issues
  - Focused more on action than process
Executive Director appreciative of our report
- Will work to implement suggestions
- Will keep in touch

External perspective has the potential to create new ideas and goals
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