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My non-profit volunteer opportunities are IGNITE Pantry and IGNITE Mentor. I have been leaning towards IGNITE Mentoring more than Pantry, for the simple fact that I love the kids. To sign up for the hours is not difficult at all, all you must do is sign in through Helper Helper, and then the rest is to show up. I signed up for the grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. The first day was a quite hilarious day, as soon as I walk in the classroom, Josiah, one of favorite students, started joking with me. Then two other students, Azariah and Kymean, joined our table, and we could not contain our laughter. So far, I enjoy the IGNITE Mentoring so much, that I decided even after my required 16 hours, I plan on volunteering even more with them. The students are so welcoming (once you get used to them) and they are so fun to be around. The best parts are when we get to take the students out side to play with basketballs and footballs. To me the only thing I did not like about it was the time and how it is only once a week. Despite it being once a week, I already completed 14 1/4 hours, including the IGNITE Pantry non-profit volunteer opportunity. The most memorable moment was on February 14<sup>th</sup>, valentine's day, the kids shared their candy with me and were so kind to me. Josiah gave me candy, but he also gave me a chicken sandwich. They made me so happy that day, how generous they are. The two most memorable people would be Kymean and Josiah, my two favorites, when I walk in, they always

greet me with a hug and we automatically joke around and have fun. Honestly I was skeptical about volunteering for IGNITE Mentoring, but in the long run I would never regret doing it.