

High School Mission Trip to Indianapolis, IN: A Blessing to the Youth and All Involved

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Ava, Regan, and Hailey R. went to Wheelers Mission and were given the task to sort clothes out of the large bins shown behind them. These clothes were given to homeless people or sold in thrift stores, where the proceeds go back toward the organization.

Wednesday night we were invited to come worship with the church that was hosting us for the week. We got to meet an incredible pastor who gave a very touching and emotional sermon that connected to all of us deeply.



Hailey M, Raelee, Zoey, Ella, Stan, and I went to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, where we handed out fresh food products to more than 800 families and individuals. Later we swept and made sure the place was ready for the next session of patrons to come collect their food.





In this photo you see all of us girls singing during our evening gathering we would do every night.





These two pictures are from our last night of our trip where we all hung out together and did karaoke. These memories are the reason I cherish these trips and will always be grateful for the opportunities I've been able to experience.

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