Housekeeping

*It looks like you’re alone, but you are not!*

- Your mics will be muted
- We are recording this session
- This will be an interactive session
- You can write in questions at any time from your screen
HOW GIVING BACK CAN ENRICH YOU & YOUR CAREER

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My Background
What is a nonprofit organization?

- Status
- Place in Life Cycle
- Large vs. Small
- Local vs. National
- Scale
Ways of Giving Back

- Financial Donations
- Gifts in Kind
  - Physical items that are sold or auctioned to raise money
    - i.e. Donating to a thrift store
  - Donating your time
    - Directly
    - Indirectly
- Part time vs. Full time
Organization & Community Benefits

- Save the organization $$
- Fulfill a function of the organization’s mission
- Support local families
- Improve your community
Personal Benefits

- Warm & fuzzy feeling
- Play up your strengths
- Build a skill set
- Perform a civic duty
- Form a new friendship
Professional Benefits

- Teaches leadership and social skills
- Connects you to others
- Adds to your resume/well rounded
- Learn from experience
- Challenge yourself
How to Get Started

- Identify your goals, interests, and skills
- What do you want out of the experience?
  - Work with people or solitude
  - Work alone or on a team
  - Behind the scenes or visible role
  - Time commitment
  - How much responsibility do you want
  - What skills do you want to develop
  - What causes are important to you
How to Identify Opportunities

- Volunteermatch.org
- Idealist.org
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Craig's List (with caution)
- Go on the hunt
  - Community theater, museums, monuments
  - Library or senior center
  - Youth organization, sports teams, after school
How to Make the Most of our Experience

- Know what is expected of you up front
- Ask Questions
- Network
- Get feedback on your performance
People who volunteer are 42% more likely than people who don't to say they are "very happy".
Thank You

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To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do.
–John Adams
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