Background

This is the statement that describes my split practicum in Nashville, Tennessee. I began with The Healing Trust whose mission is to do the sacred work of fostering healing and wholeness for vulnerable populations through strategic investing, philanthropy and advocacy.

Methods

- Attended program huddles & sent weekly news blasts and grantee synopsis’s
- Read & analyzed Lifecycles of Nonprofits
- Revamped advocacy workshop and goal tracker
- Conducted program & grant application evaluations and wrote a mock grant
- Expanded expertise in donor database management
- Consolidated and cleaned data for the CHW team
- Created an annual safety quiz for the CHW team
- Analyzed and compiled data from TOR on the health status of refugees

Results

Week of 6/4/18: Synopsis of Issues Impacting Grantees

Victims of sexual assault in the Nashville area will no longer be forced to go to an emergency room to receive a rape kit. With the grand opening of the SAFE clinic at the Sexual Assault Center, survivors now have a safe space to begin the healing process, while also collecting evidence and information regarding the assaults.

![Eligibility Status of Individuals at Siloam in 2017](image1)

**Figure 1: Eligibility Status of Individuals at Siloam in 2017**

![Body Mass Index of new Siloam patients in 2017](image2)

**Figure 2: Body Mass Index of new Siloam patients in 2017**

Discussion

This practicum was designed to be as holistic as possible. I wanted to see all aspects of the world of grantmaking, foundations and nonprofits. With all of my previous work experience coming from a grantee perspective, I wanted to create a practicum that allowed me to experience the entire life-cycle from foundation to nonprofit.

By starting at The Healing Trust and the core of where funding comes from for nonprofits, I was able to see the entire other side of the picture. The side that shows what grantors are looking for in applications and how the difficult decisions of which organizations receive funding and which ones do not are made.

Immediately transitioning from grantor to grantee showed me the stark contrast of the two worlds. Even though these worlds differ, they both are involved in making the community a better, healthier place.

Conclusion

I could not be more grateful to have had the opportunity to spend my summer practicum at two amazing organizations that I could relate to in their missions, foundations and core values.

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