



Blueprints for Pangaea at UT San Antonio [Elisa Carian, B.S. Chemistry, 2021]

[Service]

SUMMARY

Blueprints for Pangaea (B4P) is a local chapter of a national 501c(3) non-profit organization that strives to reallocate unused and excess medical supplies from surrounding medical facilities to areas in need. As the Chapter Founder and Chapter President, I completed the application and interview process. I laid the foundation for the organization and continue to lead the Operations Department, which entails community partnerships and supply pickups and drop-offs. Our organization has collected over 500 items from around the San Antonio area. I have grown more comfortable with delegating tasks and working in a team setting on a large, long term project. I also learned how to establish partnerships among organizations in a professional and timely manner.



<https://www.blueprintsforpangaea.org/>

SPICES

B4P is a medical waste recycling non-profit that serves areas in need by providing vital medical supplies that were unused and to be discarded by local medical facilities. These supplies are collected and transported by the volunteers of Blueprints for Pangaea.

HERBS

H/B/S: Community engagement allows us to use medical supplies with students who are driven to serve others. These supplies are then used in other countries to provide medical care.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

PM: I established this organization via emails and online meetings. I oversee our supply collections and donations, members, and officers.

L/DM: The partnerships and relationships between B4P and outside organizations are affected by any decision the team makes.

Decisions made will affect all people involved ER: Every member that joins wishes to serve those in other countries that do not have access to proper medical equipment.



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IMPACT

This project is directly impacting patients in other countries such as Niger, Ghana, and the Dominican Republic. In San Antonio, we are partners with community non-profits, and we transfer much-needed supplies among these non-profits as well, exchanging wheelchairs, medicines, and volunteers. I practiced leadership and delegation skills as I grew my team of officers. I developed confidence during the interviewing process and improved my communication skills via email and phone calls.

ADVICE

Take a chance! The possibility of success outweighs the possibility of failure. Create a detailed plan and gather supportive team members. Above all, communication is central to a successful project.