

CAS ACTIVITY : ORGANIZING A "WALKATHON" TO RAISE MONEY FOR GUIDE

DOGS FOR BLIND PEOPLE

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Introduction

Wayne Genzer who is one of the blind people and his seeing-eye dog, Kojak gave me the idea to do this CAS activity. Before Kojak came into Wayne Genzer's life, his walking cane was shattered three times by near misses with automobiles. I thought why other disabled people have the same chance which is to receive the highly trained guide dogs. Since these dogs can open the refrigerator door and bring food, turn lights on and off, pick up the phone and carry it to their master, retrieve clothes, guide a blind person across a busy street and other tasks. Blind students spend 26 days at the school learning to work with the dog, followed by four to six months of training at home. This takes more than \$10,000 to train a dog. In this manner, I organized a "walkathon" to raise money that would help train seeing-eye dogs for blind people.

This CAS activity will continue three months and throughout this organization, there will be a variety of activities. First of all, in order to announce that there will be a walkathon, I and my group will prepare a radio program on the school's radio club in which the importance of the guide dogs for blind people will be emphasized. Moreover, I will write an article on the school's magazine. In this article, I will mention about the examples of the blind people who are guided with the trained dogs. Thus, I intend to reach lots of people who will be volunteer for this organization.

In the radio program, we will also announce a concert with a cocktail after the walkathon. This concert will be performed by the students in my school who want to participate in this CAS organization and will be paid by the volunteers. Moreover, in the cocktail, we will sell the foods that we own cook. Therefore, I hope to get more people interested. On the other hand, during the walkathon and concert, I am going to take video and photos of the people involved in and their enthusiasm in that organization. After the walkathon, I am planning to use these photos in the newspaper and school magazine and prepare a short movie with the video record of the organization. Hence, I want to show these photos and the movie to reach other people who are still not aware of this issue.

Table of Events

Events	Time Framed	Outcomes
Preparing a Radio Program	1 week (1st week)	Worked collaboratively with others
Writing an Article	1 week (1st week)	Undertaken new challenges
Announcing the Walkathon via radio program	Three times a week (2nd week)	Engaged with the issues of global importance
Announcing the Walkathon via school magazine	1 week (2nd week)	Increased my awareness of my strengths and areas for growth
Meet with the volunteer people	1 week (3rd week)	Worked collaboratively with the others & Planned and initiated activities
Making groups for the concert and cooking	1 week (3rd week)	Worked collaboratively with the others & Planned and initiated activities & shown perseverance and commitment of my activity & developed new skills on cooking
The Concert Team's rehearsals	3 weeks (4th-5th-6th weeks)	Shown perseverance and commitment of my activity & Worked collaboratively with the others

Review Time	1 day of the 6th week	
The Walkathon Day	1 day of the 7th week	Undertaken new challenge & Planned and initiated activities & Worked collaboratively
The Concert	1 day of the 7th week	Undertaken new challenge & Planned and initiated activities & Worked collaboratively
The cocktail and selling the food	1 day of the 7th week	Undertaken new challenge & Planned and initiated activities & Worked collaboratively
Collecting the photos and videos	5 days (8th week)	Shown perseverance and commitment of my activity & considered the ethical implications of my actions
Interviewing with the people who involved in the organization	2 weeks (8th & 9th weeks)	Shown perseverance and commitment of my activity & developed new skills
Combining the photos, videos and reports together	6 days (9th & 10th weeks)	Shown perseverance and commitment of my activity & developed new skills
To contact a an international newspaper and TV	1 week (10th week)	Undertaken new challenge & Increased my awareness of my strengths and areas for growth& developed new skills
Review Time	1 day at the 10th week	
Publishing the photos in the newspaper article	10 days (11th & 12th weeks)	Undertaken new challenge & Increased my awareness of my strengths and areas for growth& considered the ethical implications of my actions
Publishing the short movie in the TV	10 days (11th & 12th weeks)	Undertaken new challenge & Increased my awareness of my strengths and areas for growth& considered the ethical implications of my actions
Collecting the whole money and deliver the community who train the dogs	2 days on the 12th week	Engaged with the issues of global importance
Final Evaluation Report	3 days on the 12th week	

Final Evaluation Report

At the end of this CAS activity, I realized that CAS enabled me to enhance my personal and interpersonal development through experiential learning (CAS Guide, 2010). During the organization of this walkathon, my awareness of the issue that is helping the blind people by guided dogs increased. Moreover, I undertaken several challenges like contacting the international newspaper and TV. Thanks to all these activities, I think I could engage with the issue of global importance. Now, I absolutely noticed the importance of being volunteer to help people with all kinds of things. To sum up, I learned that we as a human being should be aware of the disabled people and (we should but) we can help them to make their life easy and therefore we can be similar not be different.