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I was more than proud to be participating in this volunteering program that was helping me be accustomed to my indigenous culture. Being Saudi by origin, I felt it was an honor to be around other people of Saudi descent and explore my culture however dismally I could. Clad in traditional Saudi clothes I looked forward to when the day will actually begin and the guests would start arriving at the university. Having practiced our roles before and allocated booths where we were to operate from, everyone was in good moods as they looked forward to the starting period.

I had always wanted to volunteer and be a part of my community in any possible way. When this chance came up all people of Saudi descent were excited because we knew it would present a chance for us to actually interact with other people from Saudi Arabia. After waiting for the required time and period people started to arrive in droves and the atmosphere became lively, we ushered them to their seats where everyone took their place and activities of the day were commenced.

As a volunteer at the Saudi Arabian association meeting, at first what I did was pass out flyers to all people who were coming for the convening. I calmly stood at the door and watched men and women all clad in Saudi wear enter the building. I gave them flyers containing the program of the day as pre planned earlier and directed them to their seating positions.

Being a volunteer it also was my work to arrange the sitting area so that all the people attending the event could be comfortable. We carefully aligned the available tables together hence making the sitting arrangement more comfortable, thus making people at ease with the environment. After finalizing with the sitting arrangements, I went to help the dancers prepare with their dance. It was fun watching them practice their dance before they were due to perform due to the lively nature of the dance and the Saudi ethnic feeling it had to it.

Apart from this I had also been charged with recruiting other members so that they may join forces with us, in volunteering. This was very successful because just like me we had various people of Saudi descent in my immediate community who had never really engaged with this side of their culture hence it made them excited as much as anybody else. The sheer fact that the place had been organized and orchestrated in a manner reflecting how indigenous Saudi’s operated only served to make the event more memorable and fun.

As time flew by more and people arrived and within no time I was ushering them to the available booths in order for them to sample the various Saudi cultural practices that were being presented that day in the University district of Columbia. Women were able to go by the Henna booth where free henna was applied on them, making them look colorful and more vibrant. This was done free of charge as applying henna is a long running activity in our culture that most women like.

When all the guests were done with their daily activities I was relegated to serving guests coffee that had been imported from Saudi Arabia, doing this made many people feel exited and at relaxed which eventually led to people interacting and talking more about which parts of Saudi Arabia they came from and how they came to find themselves in the United States of America. At the end of it all dinner was served with the option of indulging in your favorite Saudi Arabian dish if you preferred.

After dinner, goodbyes were said and everyone left for their prospective homes. We were left to clean the venue that had been used for the event. We cleaned and organized the venue to the best of our ability and left for home.

Serving as a volunteer on this day served to better me as a person. I got to understand a part of me vividly, by experiencing my culture firsthand at the university which in avertedly made me a better person in the society. Volunteering also served to show me the important side of interacting at that capacity because I got to meet so many people with whom I formed relationships with hence making me more knowledgeable. A also learned to work as a team and the various beneficial attributes it adds to oneself. The very fact that all of us were wearing Arabic clothes hence fitting in as people with Saudi Arabian descent also served to make the occasion more interesting and fun, making people like us learn a lot about our culture from other people of the same descent.