## Connection Circle Handout



Cole, a young science achiever from Chicago, describes his experience volunteering and serving on community projects as experiences that have stayed with him throughout his life. He remarks about his team's learning experience:

"We become more open people, who are willing to work hard to change situations around us that might not be ideal. And they really affect the quality of life of those who you are working with. And in a world that's becoming increasingly transactional in nature, it's really refreshing to see people, especially young people, take time out of their days to help others without the promise of compensation. It really awakens the humanitarian within us all."

Reflect on Cole's message.

How does Cole's experience resonate with you, especially as you are solidifying plans for a community project?

