SERVICE and You

As part of your thinking about the future, it will be helpful to spend some time reflecting upon the ways your SERVICE experience has affected you. Has SERVICE made a difference in your life? If so, in what ways? Take a look at what you've learned and accomplished over the past year. Use the questions that follow to help you do that. In answering them, be as honest with yourself as you can.

After giving the questions some careful thought, write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. What are you doing well during your SERVICE experience?

2. What are you most proud of about your SERVICE experience?

3. What do you wish had been different?

4. Reread your application essay… what expectations have been met or exceeded, what expectations have not?

5. Do you believe you are making a difference during your SERVICE experience? If so, how? If not, why not?

6. How have you changed as a person since your SERVICE service began? How are you different as a friend or spouse or family member?

7. How have you changed as a community member since your SERVICE service began?

8. How have you changed as a worker since your SERVICE service began?

9. During what period of your SERVICE service have you experienced the greatest commitment, energy and effectiveness? Why?

10. During what period of your SERVICE service have you experienced the least commitment, energy and effectiveness? Why?

11. What do you need to renew your energy, motivation, and commitment for the last third of the service year?

12. What means can you use to manage the stress of ”what’s next”?

13. Who, besides community members can you lean on for support during this time? Who can you look to for guidance, resources, ideas, and perspective?