Possible Reflection Questions

- 1. What are your responsibilities at your service site? Why does the organization need you to assist with those particular responsibilities?
- 2. How is the organization making an impact in the community? How does your service help make that happen? How does your service impact the staff there?
- 3. What are some of your interactions like with the staff, other volunteers, and beneficiaries of the organization? Why do you think these interactions occur the way they do? Are you interacting with a certain population for the first time? How does this influence your thoughts or behavior?
- 4. What are some connections that you are making or have already made? How do you envision these connections developing in the near and/or distant future?
- 5. What are you learning at your site about the beneficiaries being served? What are you learning about the organization? What are you learning about the community issue being addressed?
- 6. Why is this experience important for you? Do you feel it is also an important experience for the organization and/or its beneficiaries? Why or why not?
- 7. What were some positive and negative experiences you had this week? What were the best and worst parts about them? How can you use these experiences to develop who you are as a service-learner and actively engaged citizen?
- 8. In general, why do or don't you enjoy serving at this site?
- 9. What can you do at your site to grow as a leader or step up to take on more responsibility?
- 10. What insight would you share with someone interested in participating in the same type of service as you?
- 11. What qualities do you possess that make you a good fit for this site?
- 12. Have you made any mistakes at your site? If not, why do you think that is (ie: thorough preparation, training, orientation, etc.)? If so, what were the mistakes? How did you handle the situation or address the mistake? What past experience(s) shaped your actions? How would you handle the situation if it occurs again in the future? How did the site's staff or beneficiaries handle the situation?
- 13. How do you feel before, while, and after serving at your site? Why?
- 14. What skills or knowledge do you use at your site? Which are newly developed and which have you had (for how long and from what experience)?

- 15. What skills are you learning from your service? Which of these skills can you share with your classmates? Which can you share with the site's beneficiaries? Which will you be able to use in your other classes, in future service, or as an employee? In other words, how is this experience helping to prepare you for the future?
- 16. How likely are you to continue serving at this site? Would you consider serving at a similar site? Why or why not?
- 17. What recommendations do you have for the site's leadership team to improve how they work with and manage volunteers? What recommendations do you have regarding this specific service-learning assignment?
- 18. How do you measure success and in what ways do you feel your service is or is not successful? In what ways do you feel your site's approach to serving its beneficiaries is or is not successful?
- 19. How is this experience influencing your assumptions, opinions, and values?
- 20. How is the concept of reciprocity playing a role in your service-learning experience?
- 21. Do you consider your responsibilities to be direct service, indirect service, or a bit of both? How so?
- 22. Do you complete most of your tasks independently or with a team? Which do you prefer? Why?
- 23. Does your service site partner with other organizations with similar missions and goals? If so, in what ways? If not, why not?
- 24. What is the contingency plan if the organization is unable to provide service to someone?
- 25. What goals do you have for yourself in relation to this service experience? How do you plan to achieve them?