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First let me introduce myself to you, I born I was in Barbados, a small island in the Caribbean, which is about one hundred and sixty- six thousand square miles. I now live in Cambria Heights, Queens. I’m attending the New York City College of Technology where I am pursuing my Associates degree In Human Services.

My personal and professional strengths are: patience, active listening, and empathy. I see these as great attributes to have. I am a highly motivated, hard working woman who loves her job. I envision myself in ten years as having my degree in Human Services and

working with the elder population . It amazes me that I believe I can learn a lot from this aging

population. Some of these challenges pertain to. physical, mental ,and emotional.

I’m a very energetic person. I’m a provider for my family a known nascent kind

Of girl I am a seventh Day Adventist Christian for many years; my church is in Brooklyn. I

commute there every Saturday. My nieces and nephews look up to me very highly. I’m a single

woman and I enjoy being single. I am free to go and come as I please and I like it. I work at a Hospital in Brooklyn.

I expect my career path to be very successful. Ten years from now I see myself in a stable job that would be giving back to the community; I would like to own my own business in a low; Income community with my Bachelor’s degree in Human Services in hand. I expect to be pursuing my master’s degree shortly here after. I hope to be and inspiration to others.

It has always been my ambition to be in a career where I enjoy what I love to do.

For many years, I worked as a home health aide, and I enjoyed doing that. I was always happy to wake up each day to go to work; knowing that my patient was awaiting my arrival gave me

great joy to see the sparkle in their eyes each day. My first career choice was to be a nurse,

which I pursued for a while. Then something happened with one of my client’s medications,

which required the social worker to come to the house and take care of the problem. She asked

many questions that day, but the family answered them all. I was so impressed, on how she

handled herself by having all the questions and answers for my client.

 A few days later I went online to look up “Human Service Worker” and to find out what

Service is about do. I find that they wear many hats. The first thing I saw was that they have many titles such as social services assistant, case manager, and social work assistant.

I want to be a Human Service Worker for several reasons. My first reason is to

have a professional career. Secondly I want to give back to the community, and thirdly I want

to work in an environment that would help the elderly population. Being in this profession, I

see myself as very thankful that I can take this course and have the opportunity to study, which

would allow me to be qualified in the profession. Being qualified will also enable me to be more financially solvent.

Another reason why I want to be a Human Service worker is to provide many types of

assistance to people in the community such as determining their eligibility for welfare and

health programs for people with physical and mental problems. I would be more stable. Because this career will pay more than what I am currently being paid now.

 Because having a better paying job and a stable income would help me support my family and provide a better education for them, it would help me to live in a safer and better community.

Volunteering is my way of giving back to the community. One way of doing that would be to make myself available twice a week, eight hours a day. Providing hands on hand care for

people of the elderly population, and giving these kind of services to them would make them feel appreciated and loved. As a Human Service workers I would assist clients in applying for welfare grants , food stamps and other benefits the government may have to offer.

 This particular population has many challenges, and different needs that make them very

interesting to work with. What I notice about them is that they have a different outlook on life based on their life experiences. Second, the challenges they face may be different from other people of the same age group. They may have been abused, and they may have anxiety and fears of being disowned by their families.

 Those strengths pertain to having a strong social network, understanding of their condition,

and skills that would help them to move out of the environment. I think I can learn a lot

from them I believe a great deal of wisdom knowledge, understand would be unique triage to

learn.

I was influenced by a social workers I met many years ago, but it was the various job titles that she hold, such as social service assistant, case management aide, social work assistant, residential counselor, community support worker, alcohol or drug abuse counselor.

Mental health technician, and child-care worker, they normally would work under the direction of professional, or social work. Human service workers provide direct and indirect client services. They assess clients’ needs, eligibility for benefits and services.

 Ten years from now I am looking forward to the challenge that is coming my way. I know that my delectations to servicing the elderly Population would surely place in the right place at the Right time with God as my shield and strength I known that I could make it.