Set a Goal

Service is more than just hours; it is a process of becoming. It is becoming a person who recognizes inequality, and works for justice. It is building relationships, and engaging in deep personal reflection on the different realities faced by the haves and have-nots. It is a process of finding Christ in all of our neighbors, regardless of circumstance, and being Christ in return.

Setting a goal allows us to assess whether we are on track to meet our objective of serving. If you are working to reduce hunger, keep track of the people you serve, and record your interactions. If you are working to increase literacy, seek to understand and keep track of the reasons for illiteracy. If you are working to provide clothing to those in need, make a deliberate effort to build a relationship with the community or population that will benefit from your effort. Most importantly, set a specific goal in advance to hold yourself accountable.

- As a club, we will _______________ this month/season/year.
  Example: As a club, we will build 30 new relationships with guests at the soup kitchen this month.
- As an individual, I will _______________ this month/season/year.
  Example: As an individual, I will _learn the names, listen to the stories, and engage in conversation with 5 guests at the soup kitchen this month.

Part of setting good goals is thinking about how you will achieve them. As a group or an individual, think about process-based goals as well to map out how you will hit your goals above:

- As a club, we will recruit ______ volunteers to participate in our effort to _________.
  Example: As a club, we will recruit 200 volunteers to participate in our effort to understand and reflect on the realities faced by the poor and marginalized in our community.
- As an individual, I will ask ______ friends, family members, and colleagues to ________ in my effort to _________.
  Example: As an individual, I will ask 15 friends, family members, and colleagues to donate gently used clothing items and receive background information on the people that will benefit from the items in my effort to understand and reflect on the realities faced by the poor and marginalized in our community.