BLS Senior Serves Neighbors in Need in East Boston

It’s a common theme in the community service experiences of many BLS students. A student volunteers, usually to help fulfill the community service requirement. The students meets some nice people at the organization and continues volunteering after completing the required hours.

Senior Giovanni DePaulo has followed that path to service leadership through his volunteer experience at the East Boston Food Pantry at Grace Church.

An East Boston resident, he started volunteering at the neighborhood food pantry two years ago during a fundraiser. He enjoyed the experience there and decided to continue volunteering. “I like the people at the food pantry. Volunteering there is fun and rewarding,” stated Giovanni.

The East Boston Food Pantry is located at 202 E. Broadway in East Boston. The pantry services families, primarily families, according to Giovanni.

He volunteers there on Saturday mornings and after school when his schedule permits. The people that he works with are “everyday people helping others in their community,” said Giovanni. “It nice to see regular people supporting others.”

Like many of his classmates, Giovanni has become hooked on community service. “It’s fun and rewarding. I will continue to be involved after graduating from BLS.”

Helping to Serve the Community

Community servings is a specialized food service program that provides customized food packages to individuals with illnesses or special dietary needs.

Samantha and the other volunteers package over 365,000 meals for community members each year, with Samantha packaging over 50 meals an hour on her own.

“I like the people that volunteer and work there,” said Samantha. “They always greet you when you arrive and there is a very welcoming environment including lockers for your belongings and a lounge/dining area.”

Like many of her classmates, Samantha has become hooked on her service. “I really like community service. The environment is very nice. There is always something to do and you know that you are helping someone in need.”