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CPIC Summer Reflection
One by One



This past summer, I had the pleasure of working as a Summer Intern at One by One, which is a local non-profit organization based in Seattle, WA that focuses on eliminating obstetric fistula and promoting maternal health across the globe. At One by One, the collaborative nature of the organization allowed me to make an impact on many different aspects of the organization and really get a sense of how non-profit organizations are run. Those projects included working on flyers and brochures to promote the organization's work, outreach and mailings to keep in contact with donors and thank them for their generosity, and attending networking events to develop relationships with other non-profits that could lead to collaboration in the future.

Throughout the summer, one of my main roles included updating the database in order to have the most up-to-date information for all of our contacts and accurately track the trajectory and progress of the organization. This work in particular was a new experience for me, and I really benefitted from learning these new skills and making an impact within an organization that truly dedicates itself to the betterment of the world. This internship exceeded my expectations, as not only was I able to gain new skills and help the organization, but the support and guidance of my mentors helped me think about my future plans and reflect on my goals in new and insightful ways.

One of the most memorable moments of the summer took place on a Wednesday morning in July. My supervisor, Sara Yingling, U.S. Program and Operations Manager, and I were at a casual networking event for local start-ups and non-profits, and since it was our first time at this particular event, we were not sure what to expect. Immediately upon entering the room, we were approached by multiple individuals who wanted to hear what we were working on and who were looking for ways to help. Not only was I blown away by the incredible generosity of these new businesses and excited by their willingness to collaborate, but I was also very thankful for the way that my supervisor had taken me to this event to both learn from her interactions and to create some of my own. She encouraged me and provided opportunities for me to represent One by One and speak with other individuals about our work and how they could help, and I was touched by her belief in my abilities. This internship was full of these opportunities for personal development, and they each helped solidify my commitment to public service and the work that One by One is doing in particular.

During the school year, I hope to continue taking classes with an international focus and plan to look for opportunities to connect other individuals or clubs to One by One. I could not imagine a more rewarding summer, and I am so grateful for this experience!