

Name _____

The Nature of Service: Charity and Social Change

Define these two terms in your own words:

Social Change --

Charity –

Ranking

Rank each service option. The option you think is the most meaningful form of service should be placed as #1, the second as #2 and so on until you get to the 13th and least important option. YOU MAY NOT HAVE ANY TIES. Note: Just because you think a form of service is important it does not mean that you would necessarily pick that for your volunteer work; personality weighs heavily when choosing where you want to help out.

- A. Raising funds to help with disaster relief, such as in New Orleans or a foreign country _____
- B. Teaching basic reading skills (and a joy of reading) to little kids _____
- C. Writing letters to the newspaper to protest an injustice in your community _____
- D. Lobbying the national government to improve the environment _____
- E. Helping in a local soup kitchen or food pantry _____
- F. Being a mentor to a child who is at risk of dropping out of school _____
- G. Gathering information in a poor neighborhood to find out what, if any, changes should be made _____
- H. Organizing a rally to protest or support a cause (e.g., a war, domestic violence, etc.) _____
- I. Offering a room in your house to an acquaintance who is a single mom and unemployed _____
- J. Helping to build housing for people in your community who cannot afford them without support _____
- K. Working on a series of gatherings to bring together groups in the community that do not always get along well _____
- L. Cleaning and fixing up a park & playground in your community _____
- M. Being part of an art and drama group that teaches about non-violence _____

Listen carefully to each as each person discusses her or his reasoning. Consider the concepts of charity and social change. Be open to shifting your views about these concepts.