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### Stakeholder Interview

I interviewed a fellow social work major intern who was working during the same shift as I was. I will keep their name anonymous because they did not wish to be named or made known. I asked them about their general experience and requirements as social work major and compared it to my own experience and requirements. In general, I found that their concentration was geared more towards professional development and preparation than food and health awareness alone. As such, they oversaw the professional closet and most aspects regarding it. They believe that the current student population might have gotten out of touch with the professional expectations required to gain a foothold in interviews and similar first-time meetings. With career fairs being in person once again and not virtually in the previous semesters, more students require more professional clothing. With that in mind and the audience that follows the Maverick Pantry's Instagram, they would use that platform to spread awareness and suggest potential outfits that were available in the pantry to showcase to the audience. This regular posting has steadily increased the usage of the Professional Closet and has greatly prepared many students appearance to be appropriate for the professional setting.

Periodically, they would sort through the donations of clothes and current stock and evaluate what was still viable for our intentions for the Professional Closet. For the clothing items that did not match our intentions but still wearable, we would pack and donate to Mission Arlington for their use. This way, we are able to mutually support local organization's and reach a larger audience. They noted that donors who do not understand or aware of the

Pantry's closet's purpose are more likely to bring items that we do not use. As such, they suggested to make clearer about the closets purpose and what type of donations we need. Just as stated before, for the items that do not match the purpose of the pantry, we would donate to Mission Arlington to reduce waste and increase the available resources for those in need.

They, I included, has learned about the benefits of the increased audience coverage and lower real estate burden by coupling services within an established organization. We were educated on an external example of how Dollar Family and similar establishments have been required to carry fresh produce in their stores, to increase access to lower income families and larger target population. The alternative to this method was creating a whole new store that would carry fresh produce, but the logistics of that method proved to be of high investment of money, time, and real estate, which might not be as available to utilize. The method of coupling services has proven to be very beneficial for the local community by lowering the burden of going to multiple locations to receive a specialized product. This method is one that both them and I will keep in mind in future endeavors.

The stakeholder would like to see more student engagement in the future with hopes of eventually not needing places like the Maverick Pantry anymore, because of increased affordability and prevalence of healthy food options. The stakeholder said through constant mutual support, sustainability becomes achievable for longer durations. An issue that they notice was about student knowledge about food insecurity, balanced meals, professional development, and professional mannerisms. They said that these are topics that should be addressed in earlier stages of education or become a required core course for freshmen for the first part and juniors for the send part.