**Description of Community-Based Research Project**

**Short description of project in syllabus:**You will be assigned into small groups and each group will be assigned a local nonprofit organization to work with. You will be required to work on-site for at least 10 hours during the semester with your group. The on-site component will be during class periods on Tuesdays. The nonprofit organization and I will develop a project to work on during this period. The project will be academic in nature, and will require you to use the concepts we learn in class. Each group will have to prepare a final group project, which will consist of a written report and an oral presentation on-site. Both parts will be evaluated by both me and the nonprofit organization you work with.

**Complete description for the final project:**

1. Oral Presentation (5% of your final grade in the class)

Each group will make a formal 15 minute presentation that includes two components: (1) some background of the organization you worked with and their missions and programs, and (2) the results of your specific project and how they can be used by the organization. Approximately one-third to one-half of the time should be devoted to background of the nonprofit, with the rest devoted to your project. The presented will be graded by me. Each member of the group is expected to equally participate in the presentation. The use of Powerpoint is required for your presentation.

1. Written Report (20% of your final grade in the class)

Each group must produce a written report, incorporating comments from your presentation. The report should follow the outline of the presentation but should be written as a report to your non-profit organization. The first part must include an overview of the organization that you worked with, including their structure, their mission, their specific programs, and clientele. The second part should include the details of your project, including the need demonstrated by your organization for such a project, the process of your project, the results of your project and how they could be utilized by the non-profit organization. You should also discuss any hurdles you faced in your project and how the organization can implement your strategy in the future. You must cite related work throughout the paper (from class and other outside sources), and refer to figures and tables. If you have done significant data analysis, please be specific about the data you are using and the conclusions you draw from the data. You must also have a concise introduction and conclusion.