

Habitat For Humanity

A new volunteer program was initiated at the High School this year. Students went downtown to Price Hill to help an organization called Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat is a Christian, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing for the poor. Habitat houses were built, or renovated, using as much volunteer labor and donated materials as possible. Then they were sold for \$25,000 to \$30,000 which was the cost to build it. The new homeowners bought the house with a no-interest, 20-year mortgage. Payments from these homeowners go directly into a fund for more housing.

A nondenominational ministry, Habitat accepts no government money and funding comes from individuals, churches, corporations, foundations and other organizations that want to help the needy. Cincinnati Habitat consists of teachers, ministers, engineers, and high school students working together to help poor families get a fresh start.

In Habitat for Humanity, building relationships and communities was as important as building homes. Each project attempted to transcend the boundaries of culture, status, and race through the sharing of a common goal. By working together

as partners, the affluent and the poor became aware of their common heritage.

After a long day of hard work at the work site some students commented, "I'm tired and dirty and cold! This was so much FUN!" replied junior Christian Bennett.

"Never have I spent a more frustrating day. I had a load of fun, and I will return! I hope this program is a big success," commented junior Christopher George.

All the students felt great after helping others during the winter season when the poor need it the most. Many students agreed they would like to come back again sometime soon.

Mr. Klasmeier believes that the volunteer program this year was a great success. "It was fun to share with each other and be a part of their organization."

Mrs. Alley believed, "It's a great start for a terrific idea. I've really enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students that have gone."

Since so many students volunteered to be a part of this program, the Board of Education has agreed to continue this program for next year. The Board is even considering to hold an independent study class that would allow the student to obtain class credit.

by Beth Kirlin



Could Adam Rothwell turn out to be a professional carpenter?



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