

YouthBuild Upstate Community Service Projects

Summary of YouthBuild Upstate 2006/2007 Construction Projects

Over the past 9 months since the start of the program in September '06, YouthBuild Upstate has completed work on 101 projects for low income housing and/or community service involving over 3,800 trainee and instructor hours. The following is a summary of our activities:

Pickens County Habitat for Humanity: YouthBuild Upstate has provided over 2,330 service hours on 3 Pickens County Habitat for Humanity homes.

- During Homecoming 2006 YouthBuild provided 112 hours of labor for the Clemson University Habitat for Humanity house built on Bowman Field.
- In January 2007 the trainees started work on the Martin Luther King Habitat for Humanity "Dream House" build in Easley, SC. Over the past five months the program has contributed over 1,800 hours on this home. This home is currently nearing completion with the final paint, interior trim, and cabinetry installation all in the final stages. This is the only HFH house in the U.S. built completely by students dedicated to the memory of Martin Luther King.
- In late April 2007 Pickens County Habitat and our YouthBuild trainees started construction on the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified Habitat home in the nation. This home incorporates sustainable design and construction practices to reduce energy consumption and the environmental impact of the home. In three weeks construction time, the YouthBuild trainees completed the floor joist and decking, erected the exterior and interior partitions, installed the exterior sheathing on the walls and roof, and completed the roofing felt to permit dry-in of the home. All in a three week period of time!

Clemson Community Care: YouthBuild has rehabilitated four (4) low income housing units for Clemson Community Care. Built and repaired exterior stairs, replaced exterior soffit & gutters, pressure cleaned, painted railing, cabinetry & interior rooms, and painted the exterior of a home.

Helping Hands Children's Home: Our trainees constructed an elevated wooden deck for the children's playground at Helping Hands Children's Home in Clemson.

Pickens County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs (PCBDSN): The program rehabilitated a low income group home for PCBDSN where the trainees replaced the kitchen floor and replaced/repared the exterior deck. YouthBuild trainees also constructed 2 self-supported bench swings, and demolition work for 3 other group homes.

South Carolina Regional Housing Authority (SCRHA): YouthBuild trainees performed repair and rehab work on 90 housing units for the SCRHA at their housing complexes in Seneca, Liberty, and Pendleton. Trainees painted exterior doors, railing, and housing unit supports. They repaired exterior concrete stairs and refinished kitchen cabinetry. Trainees also cleaned and painted parking lot curbs, handicap signage, and parking lot striping.