



Patriots Serve Community by Building Homes and Mentoring Children

In answering the call as Christians to serve, DBU students have found ministries near and far in which to participate. These opportunities include the University's twenty-plus year involvement in Habitat for Humanity and the newly crafted Super Saturdays program.

Spring Break 2009 once again saw DBU students honing their carpentry skills to erect homes for families in need. Eighteen DBU students joined groups from 13 other universities to build nine houses as a part of an annual Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge Week held in Columbus, Georgia.

Arriving early Monday morning, the students found their future project—nothing but a concrete slab awaiting their careful attention. The Patriots quickly and skillfully set to work, and four days later a nearly completed house stood on what previously had been a vacant foundation.

Group leader Chris Crawford, DBU director of apartment life, was impressed but not surprised by the students' efforts. "They

worked like a team that does this every day and exhibited a work ethic that never quits."

When it was all said and done, these students were able to share in the joy of a mother now able to raise her children in their very own home. "It was a very rewarding experience and an honor to be a part of the impact Habitat for Humanity is making in people's lives," confided DBU senior Amanda Solis.

Elsewhere, DBU students have provided great service as Super Saturdays mentors. Through this program, DBU students team with local ministries Brother Bill's Helping Hand and Voice of Hope to share the love of Christ with children in the Dallas community by developing relationships and teaching them about Jesus through the year.

Based on the Vacation Bible School model, the students meet one Saturday each month and strive to be positive influences that seek to encourage and teach children how to develop their spiritual, emotional, and physical growth in ways that honor Christ.

