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**WCC PTA Students Participate in Habitat for Humanity Project**



*Wallace Community College Physical Therapist Assistant students recently paused for a picture while participating in a Habitat for Humanity A Brush with Kindness project. The students painted the exterior of a Dothan home as part of their service project.*

**Dothan, Ala.**— A group of students from Wallace Community College recently gave a local home a new facelift. On June 16, students in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program participated in a Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) program in Dothan. The program is an exterior home preservation service that provides painting, landscaping, weather stripping and minor repair services for homeowners in need.

It is the second time that PTA students have participated in A Brush with Kindness project. Shannon Turner, an instructor for the program, said that students worked as a team to paint the exterior of the home. "Students and faculty have participated in this project twice and each time it proves to be a rewarding experience," said Turner. "The project allows students and faculty to bond and interact on a

different level outside of the classroom and is an excellent opportunity to give back to the citizens of the community. The homeowners have always been kind and appreciative." Students previously participated in the project in 2010 and 2012.

PTA student Rhett Deal echoed Turner's comments: "It was a chance for students of the PTA Program to come together and give back to the community. It was a lot of fun!"

Students who participated in the project included Brad Buchanan, Chelsea Bunt, Katie Davis, Rhett Deal, Heather Goodson, Josh Graves, Hope Hicks, Candice Lawrence, Jay Martin, Valerie Matthews, Jessica Miley, Stephanie Monk, Kristina Phillips, Charlesy Presely, Selina Prevatt, Holiday Rigdon, Rachel Rimer, Kyle Thornton, Dawn Walters, Audrey Whaley, Demetrial Wilson and Jason Withers.

ABWK helps low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances. The program serves those who struggle with exterior maintenance of their homes, and gives them an opportunity to reclaim their homes and their pride.

For more information about the Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity call (334) 792-8453 or visit [www.wiregrasshabitat.org](http://www.wiregrasshabitat.org).

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*(left to right): PTA students Rhett Deal, Holiday Rigdon, and Dawn Walters practice their paintbrush skills.*

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*PTA students, who have participated in the A Brush with Kindness project twice, worked as a team to reclaim the outside of a local home.*

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ABWK helps low-income homeowners impacted by age, disability and family circumstances, who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, reclaim their homes with pride and dignity. ABWK serves as a companion to Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity's core building program, enabling us to serve more families, increase opportunities for volunteers and expand our base of sponsors. Most importantly, A Brush with Kindness is part of Habitat's broader community development strategy, a holistic approach, which assists communities as well as families. It revitalizes the appearance of the neighborhood, strengthens connections within the community, and helps preserve and create affordable housing stock.

The promotion of repair and renovation services to affiliates is made possible by a donation from the Valspar Corporation, Habitat's National Paint Partner.

Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to showing God's love in action through partnering with our communities to improve the quality of life by providing decent, affordable housing throughout the Wiregrass.

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Thanks,  
Shannon

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Students who participated are as follows: Brad Buchanan, Chelsea Bunt, Katie Davis, Rhett Deal, Heather Goodson, Josh Graves, Hope Hicks, Candice Lawrence, Jay martin, Valerie Matthews, Jessica Miley, Stephanie Monk, Kristina Phillips, Charlesy Presely, Selina Prevatt, Holiday Rigdon, Rachel Rimer, Kyle Thornton, Dawn Walters, Audrey Whaley, Demetrial Wilson, and Jason Withers. I was the only faculty member who participated. This is the second time we have participated in the project (2010 and 2012) and I've really enjoyed it as well as our students.

Rhett Deal "It was a chance for students of the PTA Program to come together and give back to the community. It was a lot of fun!"

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**From:** Barbara Thompson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2012 7:25 AM  
**To:** Shannon Turner  
**Subject:** RE: PTA Activity

Shannon:

Please send me the names of the students who helped, along with any details that would help tell this story. I would love to send to the papers!

1. Is this an annual event?
2. I would like to get a quote from you and perhaps one or two students. These can be emailed!

I'll call you later!

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**From:** Shannon Turner  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 3:39 PM  
**To:** Barbara Thompson  
**Subject:** PTA Activity

PTA students and faculty will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity project on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Dothan. I will be the point of contact and have emergency contact information for all participants.

Thanks,  
Shannon

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