

**Community Partner:** 52 M.O.M.S (Mothers on a Mission to Serve)

**Action Team:** Brookville Builders

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During the fall semester of 2008, the Brookville Builders Action Team completed 236 hours of service with 52 M.O.M.S, logged 122 visits, and traveled 488 miles. The purpose of the work was, “providing the children with encouragement to stay in school, giving them constructive things to do with their time, keeping them on the right path, and inspiring a strong future into their hearts and minds.” The Action Team worked with underprivileged children, ages ranging from five years to thirteen years, living in the Brookville Garden Apartments. They created an afterschool program where they worked with the children on their homework and provided them with snacks and a fun activity. In addition to working with them after school, the team also gave them a Thanksgiving dinner where the families living in the apartments were brought together to give the children positive social interactions and to help them form a bond with their neighbors. The members of the Action Team created relationships with the children they worked with. “It is evident we have made an impact on their lives. We worked hard to make school fun and demonstrate its rewards. We expected to just start an afterschool program and have a dinner; we ended up growing as people.”