

Boys and Girls Club of Starkville

Project Executive Summary

This semester, our team faced and overcame many difficult challenges. Overall, our team worked extremely hard due to the circumstances and accomplished the ultimate goal of revamping the teenager room at the Boys and Girls Club of Starkville. We strived to redecorate and make a room that was as inviting as possible so the younger children would have a place to look forward to when they went to the Boys and Girls Club.

Originally, our team had planned to repaint the room where the teenagers hang out; but, after checking with the director of the Club, Ms. Shayla Jefferson, or 'Ms. S.J.', she told us that Sherwin Williams had recently repainted the room. Having learned that, we had to change our game plan quickly and decided to bring in comfortable furniture, interactive games and a snack bar for the teenagers. We want the teens to have something more comfortable being that this is where they spend majority of their time; they eat here, study here, and hang out here, so having hard, metal chairs to sit in while they do homework and spend their afternoons is not ideal. Even though the team did not accomplish what we originally intended, we did accomplish making a more comfortable and homelike environment for the teenagers. Overall, we wanted to promote a comfortable and positive environment so the teenagers would be more inclined to stay at the Boys and Girls Club.

Our greatest challenge during this time was time management and communication. Our team struggled greatly to find times that accommodated everyone's schedule and worked so that everyone would be able to meet up there. The adjustment to college for some of us was very difficult with balancing schoolwork and the project, and communication was an issue for a little

while during the project. Once people started sharing their ideas, we made progress in our timeline complete.

Overall, our action team accumulated 32 hours. The most important leadership lesson has been patience. Another important leadership lesson would be communication. Each team member learned the value and importance of making sure the group was communicating about the project timeline.