

Community Partner: Clay County Development Center

Action Team: Best of the Blue

Action Team Members: CK Amaechi, Brian Jones II, Coty Maxwell, Kelsey Stephens, Brittany White, Nicholas Willis

During the 2008 Day One semester, Best of the Blue Action Team completed 134 service hours for the Clay County Development Center, logged 77 visits, and traveled 1792 miles. The purpose of their work was, “to promote family values and unity, to instill literacy among young children, and to illustrate a bright future through the power of reading.” Best of the Blue drew and painted murals on the walls of the development center; they focused on characters from popular children’s books, like Dr. Seuss, in hopes that this would inspire the children to read the stories. In addition to painting a mural, this team was a positive influence on the children; they interacted with the children by reading, playing and talking to them. The team reflects on their project: “throughout the course of the semester we have realized that our project meant a great deal to the faculty and students of the Clay County Development center. Our murals really captured the heart of the children and sparked their interest in reading. It allowed us to do something we truly love and help our community.”