

Community Partner: Habitat for Humanity

Action Team: The Hammer Slammers

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During the Day One 2008 semester, The Hammer Slammers Action Team completed 162 service hours for Habitat for Humanity, logged 89 site visits, and traveled 440 miles. The purpose of their work was, “to give a family a better life by offering stability, kindness, love, a second chance, and to give them a place to call home. In addition, they wanted to understand the importance of giving and forming friendships that will last longer than just one semester.” The goals for their project included developing a relationship; creating a colorful memorable, fun scrapbook; helping build a family’s house; and strengthening their relationship. The Hammer Slammers built a special relationship with the family. They joined the family for movie nights, babysat the children, and helped Habitat for Humanity build the family’s house. Throughout the project, The Hammer Slammers fell in love with the family they worked with, grew closer as a group, and developed as leaders. “Working with Habitat and with our family has made us all realize how fortunate we are to have families that love us and houses to live in. Our group has grown a lot this semester and will continue to be great leaders for this community.”