

**Community Partner:** Palmer Home for Children

**Team name:** Palmer Pals

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The Palmer Pals Action Team completed 133 hours of service to the Palmer Home for Children, logged 82 visits, and traveled 398 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to raise awareness and money for the Palmer Home for Children by promoting the Thrift Store through advertisements and by providing a clean and organized environment that encourages customers to return and support the Palmer Home for Children again and again.” The Palmer Pals Action Team addressed their purpose by having an official campaign kick-off. They campaigned in places on and off campus by handing out flyers and hanging up posters promoting the Palmer Home for Children and its thrift stores. They also encouraged everyone to become a Palmer Pal. The Palmer Pals team also visited the Palmer Home for Children campus and got to know the children. They held a pizza party for the children and played games and did crafts with them. Here are some of this team’s thoughts about their experience. “We are now realizing the true benefits that we have given to our Community Partner. As we planned, we organized the Thrift Store completely. We were all there when we had any free time helping straighten and color-coordinate clothes. Also, some of us were there when there was a need for extra help, like lifting heavy items and other things that require a lot of manual work. We also benefited our Community Partner by making flyers and posters encouraging people to donate to and visit the Palmer Home for Children. One final benefit we realized was visiting the children of the Palmer Home for Children. We brought them pizza, games, and crafts for everyone to enjoy. We were inspired by the children and adults there. It was a great event and we were very happy to have held it.”