

**Community Partner:** Project AIM

**Team name:** Project Break-Thru

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The Project Break-Thru Team completed 92 hours of service to Project AIM, logged 61 visits, and traveled 239 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to help provide a more stable and aesthetically beautiful learning environment for the youth at Henderson Intermediate and Armstrong Middle Schools by assisting mentors at these schools and landscaping.” The Project Break-Thru Action Team addressed their purpose by strengthening school bonding and promoting positive social norms and behaviors in at-risk students. The team held a kick-off party with games and refreshments to which all the students who would be mentees were invited, along with their parents. During their Service Day portion of the project, the team divided into three groups and focused on planting a tree, picking up trash, and spreading mulch at Armstrong Middle School. The Project Break-Thru team is truly happy to have made a difference in Project AIM. They feel that all of their plans were met: service day, mentoring, and our game night. Each activity was designed to promote positive social behaviors in the members of Project AIM and to provide achievement opportunities for the members of Project AIM. The project has really helped the community of Starkville by helping the children of Armstrong Middle, Ward-Stewart, and Henderson Intermediate Schools. Overall, Project AIM has been a success!