

Louisville 5th Branch and 6th Ward Combined

Louisville Kentucky Stake

Our unit began in February of 2010 looking for a project to tackle for the Day of Service. We partnered with Wayside Christian Mission to explore various ideas to provide assistance to their organization that is dedicated to helping the homeless, abused, and other disadvantaged individuals and families.

We decided ultimately to assist in rehabilitating a home owned by Wayside Christian. We looked at three different homes, deciding on a small single-family dwelling that was essentially unlivable. Wayside Christian Mission owns the homes that are used as transitional living facilities.

In preparation for the project we worked closely with Wayside to develop a plan, partnered with outside resources to obtain donated materials and equipment.

We started with some preliminary work involving removing debris and old appliances. The inside was cleaned and painted, the outside was power washed, painted, and the landscaping cleaned up.

With only a few minor things remaining to be completed by the Wayside staff, the home is now livable. Wayside does not charge anyone they allow to use the home. They expect that the family or individual will pay for all utilities, however, as they are working to rejoin mainstream society.

During the time we were actually working on the home on the Day of Service, our primary staff facilitated the day by watching all of the kids. The older kids helped to make lunches which were delivered to the home workers while the younger kids were kept entertained with games and other activities.

Man-Hours and Donations:

Work on the House: 61 for a total of 480 man hours

Primary Activity: 54 for a total of 137.5 hours

Community help: 2 from Wayside for a total of 16 hours

Donations: Home depot & Lowes & ward members totaling an estimation of \$400 , not including all that members/Wayside let us borrow so we didn't have to purchase tools, etc. - easily in the \$1000+ price range.