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Stronger Communities - One Volunteer At A Time

Somewhere, in a neighborhood, the sounds of hammer and saw waft through the air. By following the sounds of construction one finds a new home taking shape. Not any new home, but a Habitat for Humanity home complete with many service opportunities during construction. Dozens of volunteer builders converge their individual efforts into a symphony of service, resulting in a finished masterpiece.

Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, is a non-profit, ecumenical, Christian ministry. They have provided over 1,300 homes during the last 35 years in Northwest Florida. Homes are priced at the cost of construction and come with interest free financing.

The community supports habitat in many ways. Volunteers come from all walks of life. During a Wednesday visit I encountered young and older volunteers of all faiths working side by side. There were volunteers from Temple Beth-El of Pensacola climbing ladders and laying tarpaper. There were Missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints driving nails and installing supports. There were some who came alone to just serve. When lunch was called, a hardy meal was donated and served by the members of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA of Pensacola. People of all faiths pitched in with support for each other to create something wonderful.

When the service bug hits you, there is a handy way to find out where you are needed. Simply go to www.JustServe.org to make a difference in your community.

Latter-day Saint Missionary, Sister Morgen Mantlo said, "This is the kind of volunteerism that brings lasting satisfaction because the service ethic is one that is handed down through generations."

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Habitat_All_0003pr.jpg Work Group

Habitat_0010pr.jpg Lunch Time

Habitat_9963pr.jpg God Bless This Home: L to R – Elders Medlinger, Bushman, Noble,

Graham & Jones

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