

Oakwood singles help at Habitat for Humanity




A team of five women from the Oakwood singles organization POSSSIE: Professional Oakwood Singles in Service, Socialization and Self improvement Education, joined forces with Dayton Habitat for Humanity on 9/26/09 to continue construction of a new Energy Star rated home being built for a single mother with two children in Harrison Township. The project, entitled Women Build, is unique in that the building of the home is being supervised by a professional female. The project has been funded primarily through the efforts of women and is being built primarily by women volunteering from the community. Group members Carrie Henry, Melissa Hutton, Christie Conneca, Trish Klingensmith and Kathy Judy participated in the construction activity. Kathy Judy, coordinator for POSSSIE, stated that the Oakwood volunteers mainly worked on finishing drywall. Although most did not have prior experience, the general contractor Melody McBride provided excellent instruction, and the volunteers not only ended up providing a useful service, they also learned some new skills to use in their own homes. "We were tired at the end of our shift, but we all felt enriched by having the opportunity to participate in such a great project," Kathy reported. Women Build continues through October. Interested parties should go to the website daytonhabitat.org for information on volunteering for this or other Habitat for Humanity projects.

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