

Habitat For Humanity in Tacoma, WA

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EDGE PROJECT

Project Summary

For my EDGE project, my husband and I saved up enough money to go with the Community Engagement Centers' Alternative Spring Breaks club. We went to Tacoma, Washington with a group of other students to do service for the people of Tacoma.

We worked with Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit religious organization, to build houses for low-income families. We helped build a small community of 13 different houses at various stages, some finished, 7 being worked on, and a few that hadn't been started on yet..

Project Highlights

- We worked every morning on different projects around the build site. My husband and I worked on one specific house most of the week where we put up weathering paper, insulation, and other projects that I had never done before that trip.
- We were able to not only contribute service to those in need by building houses, but we were able to go exploring the sights of Tacoma and Seattle Washington. We ate delicious seafood, went to a glass museum, and explored the Pike's Market Place.
- The best part of the trip, though, was at the end when we were able to meet the woman who would own the house we had worked on. It was so touching to hear her story and her expression of gratitude to each of us. It was a truly wonderful trip.

From My Journal

"The work site was amazing. I was expecting to work on one house, but it was actually an entire community that we were working on. There were seven houses that they were all working on simultaneously."



This is me working on a house. I'm putting up the weathering paper with a stapler. It rained every single day we worked so it was pretty chilly, hence the two coats!



The house in the back is the house that we worked on all week with the blue insulation put up. The woman in the center is going to be the proud owner of this house and she thanked us for giving our time to help her!