

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

2015 Habitat Build #6

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION REPORT

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As the song says, “*Let us build a house where love can grow...*” That is just what we did!

Our journey began early in 2014 with the drive and enthusiasm of building a home in Austin County. It was in Columbus that the CDA hooked up with Colorado County Habitat for Humanity. Low and behold, they had a family chosen and the slab had already been poured for the house. They were ready for us to get started with construction immediately. So, within a couple weeks we got started and raised the walls and started some of the inside framing.

The LaJoe Dancy family was introduced to all of us on October 10, 2014, when we started that first day. What a surprise to LaJoe to see all those women there ready to work. When you call upon CDA, you are calling upon greatness in numbers!



The blessing of the grounds, the family, and the workers was held in November. The State Officers drove the golden shovels in the ground and it was time to get back to work and down to the nitty gritty. As the roof paper and shingles were being laid, others were on the ground attaching borders and getting ready for siding.

Workers, meals and hostesses were assigned to the available Fridays and Saturdays. We dealt with rain, cold, warm and sunny days but that didn't keep us from driving in the nails to complete the tasks for the day. Many CDA ladies and some of their husbands worked diligently to get the house completed. But we couldn't have done it without the guidance of (5) great men from the Colorado County Habitat for Humanity organization. Scott Mattingly, Deacon Charlie Novosad, Gant Glover, Clark Powers, and Phil Willenborg were a delight to work with. CDA women come in, took charge, and got the job done!

Like our T-shirts say, “Building homes through loving hearts and hands.” We truly have been instruments of love and Disciples of Christ for the Habitat homes we have built.

LaJoe and his children put in their sweat equity hours while working alongside the CDA. What a rewarding and uplifting activity! If you have never worked on a Habitat home, you need to give it a try at least once.

You don’t have to physically drive in the nails or be expected to climb on the roof. There is so much that you can do to keep the project rolling while contributing your time for a wonderful family that is counting on you. You can sweep and keep the construction area clean, you can provide food for the construction workers, or you can make sure everyone signs in each weekend for their particular duties. There is something for everyone to do.

On January 10, 2015, CDA members filled the house with State Officers, city officials, Colorado County Habitat members, and everyone else involved in making the project a success. Introductions were made to the group and then Deacon Charlie Novosad led the blessing of the home. The family received several gifts to assist with necessities. A reception followed with a tour of the home.

The Dancy family is truly grateful to the women of CDA for all that they have done to give his family a place that they can call home.



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