



Miami Valley Career Technology Center Press Release

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MVCTC Habitat for Humanity House Dedicated

Dayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Carpentry Program attended the dedication of the Habitat for Humanity House they constructed on Friday, September 9, 2011. For the past 12 years, the MVCTC Carpentry Program has partnered with Dayton Habitat for Humanity to complete a house that allows students to use the skills learned in class to help others.

The construction begins at the beginning of each school year when the heavy equipment and masonry students build the foundation. The house is finished by spring when it is moved to its permanent location where its new owners will help with its completion.

Habitat for Humanity supplies all the construction materials for the modular house that is built in two separate units and placed together on the foundation to become one house once its moved to its permanent location. MVCTC supplies the labor carried out by the students. Most of the students who work on the house are seniors who attend their academic classes in the morning and work on the Habitat House in the afternoons as a part of their program lab.

Another valuable partner in the project is Unibilt Corp. in Vandalia. Unibilt supplies the house plans, trusses, and technical assistance. It also coordinates and carries out the move from the construction site at the school to the permanent location.

“Building for Habitat is a great way for my students to give back the community for the support we get. It’s not just an education in their chosen career field but an education in life,” states Kelly Kramer who is the MVCTC carpentry instructor and general “foreman” of the Habitat project. “

As part of the September 9, house dedication ceremony, the MVCTC students were able to meet the family that will be living in the house they completed and see firsthand the impact they have had on others lives.

MVCTC teaches adults and young people from 27 school districts skills needed for in-demand jobs. For more information about career technical programs offered at MVCTC, please visit www.mvctc.com.

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