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Home work is students' homework

SU/ESF Habitat for Humanity revamps a house for woman, three children.

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The Habitat for Humanity project that Paul Walsh thought he would spend a couple of hours per week working on turned into a 40-hour-a-week job.

But that's OK with the State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry senior.

"My program is very theoretical," said Walsh, a construction management major. "I wanted to apply what I was learning. I've been exposed to so many ideas."

The Syracuse University/SUNY ESF Chapter of Habitat for Humanity sponsored the rehabilitation of a two-story home at 134 Annetta St., near Upper Onondaga Park. The chapter began the project in September and on Sunday dedicated the home in a formal ceremony. The bulk of the construction is complete, but volunteers will be returning to finish the home within the next month.

Neighbors from as far as two blocks away came by to thank the students for renovating the home, said Suzanne Williams, executive director of the Syracuse Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which owns the house.

Many of the neighbors brought the students food or drinks throughout the year as they worked on the house, Williams said. Some even pitched in

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and worked alongside the students, she said.

When Walsh proposed to Williams that the student chapter take on the project, she was a bit wary, but she told him to go ahead and put together a plan.

"The next thing I know the whole thing kind of evolved," Williams said.

SU gave the students a \$15,000 grant from its Vision Fund, which provides grants to projects that focus on providing intellectually rich diversity experiences for students. The students also raised about \$4,000 in private donations, Walsh said. Professionals in the community and several business also donated either time or materials to defray costs.

Jimelle Richardson and her three children will take over ownership of the house when the construction is complete. Richardson will have a 20-year, interest-free mortgage with Habitat for Humanity.

Kim Gugino, a junior in policy studies in SU's College of Arts and Sciences, helped establish a service learning class in the public affairs department at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs that is related to the project.

"Habitat for Humanity and Modern Housing Issues" is a one-credit class in which students complete at least 35 hours of service with Habitat for Humanity and learn about it as an organization. The class also addresses issues connected with the need for affordable housing.

"Our mission goes beyond just building houses," she said. "I feel advocacy and education are two important parts of Habitat, as well."

Gugino, the SU/ESF Habitat chapter president, is working with students at Cornell University to help establish a similar program there.

Walsh said more than 250 students signed attendance sheets at the Annetta Street project. Students were at the site almost every Saturday and often on weekdays.

"We worked in the rain or snow more than the sun," said Walsh, who was the project manager.

Faculty and staff from both colleges also volunteered their time to either work on the project or give lectures to students at the site. Lecture topics included nutrition on low incomes, urban storm-water runoff and water quality and promoting cultural diversity in student organizations.

Walsh said he is talking with underclassmen in ESF's construction management program about working with the Syracuse chapter in the future. Williams said she hopes the student chapter will take on another house.

"It reminds me of a living classroom," Williams said. "You can go to the site and put into practice the things you are learning."

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