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Carpentry Students Start 14th Habitat for Humanity House

Clayton, Ohio – The Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) Construction Carpentry program is in the process of building a 14th Habitat for Humanity House. Each year, MVCTC partners with Dayton Habitat for Humanity to complete the project that allows students to use their skills 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 humanities and academics 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, MVCTC carpentry instructor and general “foreman” of the Habitat project. “

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