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Milwaukee Democrats Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity



Milwaukee - On Friday, September 30th members and staff of the Milwaukee Democratic Legislative Delegation spent the day volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Milwaukee's Washington Park Neighborhood helping build a home for a family in need. The group spent the day working alongside Habitat staff and AmeriCorps members hanging drywall in the 1300 square foot home.

This year Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity will assist 22 families achieve the dream of homeownership and another 60 + homeowners receive affordable home repairs. At the conclusion of the 2016 build season, the Washington Park Neighborhood will have over 225 Habitat homeowners contributing an estimated \$360,000 per year to the City of Milwaukee through property taxes.

In addition to building and repairing homes, Habitat has secured national grants from Lowes and Wells Fargo to complete over \$200,000 of improvements to the Washington Park Neighborhood including: renovations to the Washington Park pool facility, installation of 20 speed humps, installation of 50 raised bed gardens, signage, safety lighting and a pilot foreclosure prevention program.

Amazing results are being realized by neighbors in Washington Park, where over the past two years the neighborhood has experienced a 30% reduction in violent crime. These improvements and reduction in crime are a testament to Habitat's mission and the commitment of these new homeowners, and their neighbors, to continue moving Milwaukee forward.

The day of service is one of many the delegation continues to have throughout the Milwaukee area.

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