

COMMUNITY

Texas youth group lends a hand in Sulphur



Central Texas Conference Youth Mission (CTCYM) from First United Methodist Church in the Ft. Worth/Midlothian, Texas area are in the area this week on their yearly mission helping local homeowners with projects. Nine families in the area will benefit from their help. *Pictured above:* The youth group pose with Mayor Chris Duncan and a Home Building Materials employee dropping off materials at 1330 Stanford Street in Sulphur. *Pictured at left:* Mayor Duncan and the youth group take a break from working on Mr. and Mrs. Matti's home at 1010 N. Crocker Street. The couple were very grateful for the group's hard work. The workday, June 14, was also the couple's 53rd anniversary. *PHOTOS SUBMITTED*



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Central Texas Conference Youth Ministry

Please allow me to say how wonderful it is when a group approaches our organization who says that they have young people who would like to give of their time to help others. It was truly a blessing to us and to the people in Calcasieu parish who were affected by your generosity.

The people who were working on the houses relating to Rebuilding Together were courteous, gracious and in great spirits every time I was on a site. The homeowners fell all over themselves talking about the workers and what a joy it was to have them at their homes. I saw instances where the adults were teaching the students how to do the repairs and then allowing them the opportunity to actually do the repairs. It is a wonderful thing to see *teaching* trips like this rather than *watching* trips. It is a testament to the caliber of the adults who came on this trip as well.

I am sending this letter along with t-shirts for your crew. Please accept this small token of our appreciation for the work that you and your team did while you were here. I cannot say thank you enough to you or to your group for coming and spending your time and talent to help others in need. We would gladly welcome your group at any time. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "SM", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Susan Mestayer, Executive Director
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