

# Youth on a mission



Photo by Paul Gauntt, the Daily Light

Crew members who worked to build a wheelchair ramp at Common Ground Ministries Tuesday were (in no particular order) Jerry Maloney, Euless; Shelby Mayer, Euless; Scout Flowers, Hico; Leland Brown, Euless; Faye Stinneford, Euless; Jordan Price, Woodway; Petra Mowrey, Hico; Evan O'Dwyer, Arlington; and Lexy Pritchard, Arlington.

## Mission group working on projects in Waxahachie

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Some Waxahachie residents have been the recipients of yard work and home repair services, compliments of a band of junior high school youth working under the auspices of Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission, an initiative sponsored by Central Texas United Methodist Churches.

About 50 junior high school students and 25 adult sponsors comprising eight work teams converged on the Gingerbread City from July 18-21 to do yard work, repair roofs, build wheelchair ramps, fences and porches. Tuesday, crews of workers repaired houses on Wyatt Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and built a wheelchair ramp at Common Ground

Ministries.

Lexy Pritchard of Arlington expressed her feelings about what it meant to her to be involved in the work.

"There's just something about helping others that makes me feel better about myself," Pritchard said. "And

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doing this also makes me get closer to God.”

Another junior high student from Arlington, Evan O’Dwyer, had a similar assessment about the project.

“This is all about helping others, which causes us to feel closer to God,” O’Dwyer said.

The week is to be capped off Friday with a worship ser-

vice at one of the homes that housed the visiting crews.

Christina Norris, center director from Trinity United Methodist Church of Arlington and who served as a coordinator for the groups, commented on the initiative.

“These teams are made up of youth from Arlington, Richland Hills, Hico and Waco, Texas, and it’s really great to see these kids serve as the hands and feet of Christ and to help people just because they love Christ and want to show people that

somebody cares about them,” Norris said in a telephone interview. “And we want these kids to know that even though they may be junior high age, they really can make a difference in the lives of people.”

Norris has been involved in the annual CTCYM event for the past six years.

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