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Youth Make a Difference —Two Perspectives

The involvement of our youth is a critical component to preventing and ending homelessness in our community. Housing for New Hope has recently benefited from the efforts of two area youth groups. We asked representatives from the youth group of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the senior class of Durham Academy to share their experience with Housing for New Hope.

St. Stephen's Youth Furnish Hope

by Anastasia Carlson

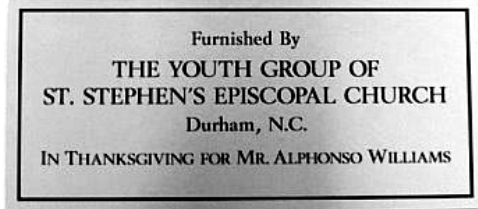
On October 28, our Sunday school lesson was about balancing pride with humility. Later that day we truly learned what that meant. After class, we traveled to Housing for New Hope's Andover Apartments. Last Christmas, we raised \$11,000 through a silent auction and other efforts to furnish five apartments at Andover. On this day, we set out to tour what we had helped to create.

We got a chance to explore the building and to visit Michael in his room to see just how much we had helped. To him, this was not just a room—it was his home. If there were roughly 500 homeless in Durham, this room meant one fewer,

and Andover Apartments meant that there were twenty fewer homeless people in Durham.

We helped to provide Michael and others with a bed, a nightstand, a dresser, a dinner table, even dish soap. And what has it meant to us? It has meant exactly what it says in the scripture: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Anastasia Carlson is a sophomore at Jordan High School in Durham.



In furnishing five rooms, St. Stephen's youth paid tribute to six individuals, including Alphonso Williams, who has been a big inspiration to the group.



Terry Allebaugh and Alphonso Williams pose with seniors from Durham Academy.

Durham Academy Seniors Learn through Giving

by Emma Edwards
and Leslie Ogden

Durham Academy's seniors chose to give its class donation to Housing for New Hope because of the local and personal connection that we felt with the program and people. After watching a video on Housing for New Hope and listening to Terry Allebaugh and Alphonso Williams talk about their experiences, our class's impression of homeless people changed, and we were enlightened to see the impact that this organization can have on so many lives.

The video had such an impact because we saw that "normal" people, some of whom had jobs or went to college, simply slipped down the wrong path. We saw how homeless people could change with structure and care, and more importantly, that homeless people aren't bad—they just need some support. We hope that after our donation the connection between Housing for New Hope and Durham Academy stays strong and grows to foster outreach and understanding in our community.

Emma Edwards and Leslie Ogden are seniors at Durham Academy.

Help Us Meet the Stewards Fund Challenge

Housing for New Hope is excited to announce that it has been awarded a \$50,000 challenge grant by the Stewards Fund.

Donations to Housing for New Hope made between now and January 31, 2008, will be matched dollar for dollar by the Stewards Fund.

We must receive no less than \$50,000 by January 31 in order to receive the matching grant from the Stewards Fund.

You can donate to Housing for New Hope in two ways:

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- you can mail your donation to

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