



Local Teachers Spend a Saturday Working with Rebuilding Together Alexandria

(Alexandria, VA May, 2009) Teachers and staff from Alexandria Country Day School spent Saturday, April 25th painting, sanding, caulking, and cleaning for a local homeowner in need. Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA) partners with local volunteers to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners so that they may continue to live independently. This is the third time ACDS has chosen to partner with RTA and they really enjoy it. Service is part of the School's mission and the faculty believes that modeling is the best form of teaching.

The house was in need of basic repair, and the homeowner looked to RTA and ACDS for help. For the fourth year in a row, a few dedicated members of the ACDS faculty and staff gathered together on a beautiful Saturday morning to help a local homeowner perform some home repairs. It was a warm and exhausting day but the group got a lot of work done and Mr. Lopez is so very happy that we sent our Saturday helping him.

Prior to Saturday morning, volunteers got a head start by fixing the cracks in the ceilings and the hallways to prepare for painting. At one point, there were 8 or 9 people on the second floor painting at one time. It was fantastic! The group was able to paint all of the ceilings on the second floor, paint all the trim and baseboards in each upstairs room and paint the bedroom, bathroom, and hallway. Another crew was outside sanding and painting all of the doors in the house...that was a sight to see! In addition, the group installed an exhaust fan hood, an accordion door, and grab bar. They also cleaned and caulked the bathtub. Finally, Mrs. Wykoff was a mean, green, cleaning machine and tackled the cleaning of the rooms upstairs! *"As a new faculty member, I have to say that this is an unbelievable group of people. I was so impressed by the turnout and the work we accomplished. Thank you for introducing me to this project."* Matt Sahlin.

ACDS raises money for the building materials through bake sales and "Dress Down Days." Our sincere appreciation to all of the ACDS families who support the project! We look forward to doing it again next year!

Alexandria Country Day School is an independent K-8 school serving the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Founded in 1983, the community school serves 240 students in one building, promoting interaction among the grade levels and fostering leadership principles. For more information, visit the school's website at www.acdsnet.org.