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Alleman High School Partners with Habitat for Humanity

Alleman Catholic High School in Rock Island is the first, and only, high school in the Illinois Quad Cities that has a Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities Club for its students. This is the third school year the club has been actively building on Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities build sites, while providing lunches to other volunteers in our Quad City community.

Alleman Principal Mr. David Hobin says, "It speaks volumes about Alleman that Alleman High School has a Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities Club and that we are leading by example!"

The AHS Habitat for Humanity Club annually has around 80-100 student members from all grade levels, freshmen through seniors. Students must be 16 years of age to build, but younger students may work on landscaping and on lunch provision for volunteers at build sites. Students volunteer their Saturdays to work side-by-side with adult Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities volunteers skilled in building, while earning service hours. The club's faculty adviser is Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, a mathematics teacher at Alleman. Ms. Thompson is a Habitat partner family herself, and lives in Habitat Home #25 located in Moline, Illinois. This service club offers students an opportunity to be leaders, to see beyond themselves and into our community to help others in need. The project is an opportunity to put Catholic, Christian values to work in service of others as, just Christ teaches!

Ben Kantner, Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities Project Manager says, "It has been a pleasure working with the Alleman High School Habitat for Humanity Club! The enthusiasm these youth have for making a difference is contagious! It's also been great to watch some of the regular student volunteers grow—their construction skills and their





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confidence around the job site have really blossomed since we began. We appreciate having a group we can call on when we are in a crunch and we need last minute volunteers. The AHS club has been a life-saver on multiple occasions. It's also great to be able to instill the need for affordable housing in the hearts and minds of the next generation. The more ambassadors we have out there, the better chance we'll have at building a simple, decent, affordable home for every Quad City family in need."

It is a very exciting time to be a Catholic right now with Pope Francis inspiring a World of believers. Locally, Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, a nonprofit Christian housing agency, is building a house for a family in need in honor of Pope Francis and his commitment to social justice and reinvigorating the Catholic Church. This build also offers an opportunity for both Catholic and non-Catholic volunteers to work together side-by-side towards a common goal while fulfilling the Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities mission of building simple, decent, affordable housing alongside low income, working families and volunteers in a collaborate effort to eliminate poverty housing.

The Alleman Catholic High School Habitat for Humanity Club will be building at the Pope Francis build site, located at 906 Tremont Street in Davenport, Iowa one Saturday a month during the school year. They will also provide lunches once a month as assigned. A \$60,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities from an anonymous donor with the challenge to the local Quad City Catholic community, which includes Alleman High School, to raise the additional \$40,000 needed to complete the house, challenges us all to get out into our community and help those less fortunate. Alleman High School is rising to the challenge of this kind and generous anonymous donor! Please join us in our efforts to support Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities!

If you are interested in making a donation towards the Pope Francis Build, please contact Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities at 3625 Mississippi Avenue, Davenport, Iowa 52807, or call Dougal Nelson, Director of Development, at 563-359-9066, or visit www.HabitatQC.org and add "Pope Francis House" in the notes section upon checkout.