

Youthbuild Update

New Youthbuild Coordinator



HHA would like to welcome Michelle Perdue as our new Youthbuild Coordinator. Michelle comes to us with an extensive background and experience in working with young adults through the Excel Program sponsored by the Wayne County Workforce Investment Office. She is a former school teacher and volunteers her time with the Marshall University Alumni Association.

Welcome, Michelle.



Student Updates



Congratulations to two of our Youthbuild students who successfully passed their GED's: Megan Davis and Amber Ramey.

The other Youthbuild students continue to work hard each day in the classroom preparing to pass their GED's.

Two Certificates of Recognition were presented to Scott Woods in October. Scott received the Hardest Worker for the GED Class Award and Best Team Player Award for the construction site.

Team-Building Skills and Leadership Development



In October, Youthbuild students were given several challenges and obstacles to complete and overcome as a team. These events were designed to teach and develop communication skills, trust, patience, teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity.

Although fun in nature, these activities proved to challenge each student to think through the process and brainstorm as to all possible solutions.



On October 31, the Youthbuild students were placed in two teams – the Red Team and the Blue Team. Each team consists of 4 – 6 team members and they rotate from GED class to job site. This allows for more individual time for tutoring and construction skills training. Each month the team members will change and their schedules will change, allowing everyone to work with each other.

Construction Update



Students are replacing the old roof, covering the old stucco with new vinyl siding, and have begun to install the bathroom fixtures.

Construction on the house continues to progress with the students becoming more confident in their abilities and team work. Plumbing and electrical work has begun with students learning how to wire and connect pipes.



This has been a tremendous challenge for many of the students who realized they have a fear of heights. Just as when they must face life's challenges and fears, student had to dig deep within and find the courage to step off the ladder, onto the scaffolding, and then onto the roof.

Fear is not a Factor for them anymore. Congratulations to those Youthbuild students who faced their fear of heights and stepped out and stepped up.

Continue to face your fears and overcome obstacles that stand in the way of reaching your goals.

