

YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM UPDATE

From Susann Venters, Youthbuild Coordinator



Leadership training and participation in the community is one of the components of the program. In August the Youthbuild trainees took part in the United Way's Day of Caring and helped remove graffiti from downtown buildings.



Periodically, trainees receive awards and recognition for jobs well done. On Sept. 16, Nakia Harden received two certificates – one for perfect attendance for the month, and another for best attitude.

If Youthbuild sounds like something you would be interested in, AND you are 18-24 years old, want to work in construction, and have dropped out of school, call us today at 522-0576 for more information about joining the program.

The Youthbuild Program continues now with five trainees. Work on the house has produced significant changes. The doors and upper story windows are now installed. The trainees are repairing the roof, finishing the framing of the walls and installing sub-flooring. Representatives from DeWalt tools will be on site soon to certify the trainees in power tool use and safety.



Recently the group took a trip to Blenko Glass and learned about the importance of the glass industry to West Virginia. They saw the glassblowers working and toured the museum of art glass at the factory.

In the classroom, the trainees study the Youthbuild curriculum subjects such as construction math, tool safety, housing and community and teamwork/leadership. Trainees also study for their GED tests and learn from invited speakers. In the last few weeks there have been discussions focusing on money management. Victoria Ballangee from Guaranty Bank came in to talk about budgeting and credit management.

