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Milestone AV Technologies Helps Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers Participated in Two Habitat Projects This Summer

Minneapolis, MN. USA (AUG 2012) - www.milestone.com - The sweet sounds of hammers, drills and paint scrapers filled the air this summer as Milestone AV Technologies employees took advantage of several great opportunities to help with [Habitat for Humanity](#) projects around the Twin Cities Metro area.

Milestone kicked off its series of Habitat events on June 27 when 14 Milestone volunteers met in northern St. Paul, Minn., to help with A Brush With Kindness project. The program mobilizes community volunteers to help paint, landscape and make minor repairs to homes of low-income homeowners so they can continue to live in a safe, affordable and decent home. City inspectors had cited the St. Paul house for peeling paint and other needed repairs.

The temperature climbed into the mid-90s as the team worked to scrape old paint off the sides and front of the house. The homeowner worked alongside the volunteers, who had a great time making paint chips fly through the air.

"I enjoyed meeting the homeowner and hearing her story, which provided more meaning to the work that we did," said Pheng Thao, Manufacturing Engineer.

Milestone AV Technologies continued its commitment to Habitat for Humanity with a three-day build in Savage, Minn. From July 16-18, more than 30 employees helped with the construction of two homes on Hampshire Ave. S., a street that will soon have a total of five houses built by Habitat.

Volunteers spent the majority of the time constructing a brand new three-bedroom, two-bath house, which will soon be home to a family that moved from Morocco to Minnesota for better opportunities. After living in crowded apartments for years, they're very excited to have their own single-family home with a yard.

The Milestone group also helped with finishing touches at another house next door, which will soon be home to a family of three.

"I enjoyed working with people that were just happy to be there," said Kelly Johnson, Design Assurance Technician. "It's nice to see progress from people who have never built anything before. The staff is good at getting value out of each person."

The volunteers worked through a range of extreme weather conditions, from temperatures in the high 90s and a heat index over 100, to rainstorms that had volunteers running for cover, to blustery winds that sent insulation sheathing flying down the road. Even with all these elements, volunteers had a great time helping out a wonderful cause.

One of Milestone's key initiatives is to give back to our community and help those who need it most. The Milestone Community Connections Team, along with a network of volunteers throughout the organization, sponsor organizations and events, giving special consideration to programs and activities that involve Milestone employees who are passionate about helping.

The mission of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience. An award-winning nonprofit housing developer, Twin Cities Habitat is committed to building the quality of life, health and economic prosperity of the region by producing, preserving and advocating for affordable homeownership – because homes and families are the foundation of successful communities.

Through the Homeownership Program, Habitat builds and rehabs simple, quality homes in partnership with low-income families and the community. The organization sells the homes with affordable, zero percent interest mortgages, making a 30-year commitment to each new homeowner and to the community in which they live.

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