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### **Giving Back: The Boys' & Girls' Brigade 10<sup>th</sup> Graders Practice Serving the Community through the ReStore**

Recently 55 members of the Boys' & Girls' Brigade 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth program engaged in community service at the Habitat ReStore located at 3000 E. Collage Avenue in Appleton. Youth members spent a total of 110 hours performing tasks such as painting, staining, organizing and cleaning. The stewardship activity was geared towards teaching the importance of filling needs by being active members in the community.

Katie Lardinois, Brigade program leader, stated, "This group of teens was given the rewarding experience of serving their community and learning how to be future volunteers. Recently, I heard from the mother of a 10<sup>th</sup> grader who said that her daughter still talks about the service fieldtrip. It's moments like these that have me planning for a continued partnership between Habitat ReStore and the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Brigade program for many years to come."

Beni Westgor, ReStore Assistant Store Manager commented, "ReStores rely heavily on volunteer labor. Group volunteering is extremely valuable because it allows us to get loads of work done in a relatively short period of time. We had a really great night with the Boys' and Girls' Brigade service activity."

ReStore resale outlets accept donated new and used building materials which are sold to the general public at a fraction of the retail price. All net proceeds help the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate fund the construction of Habitat homes within the community.

The Boys' and Girls' Brigade offers fun and exciting youth leadership training and character development programs. During the school year programs are led by staff and adult volunteer mentors at the Brigade building located at 109 W. Columbian Avenue in Neenah. These high quality youth programs (for 6th-12th grade youth with some opportunities for 5th graders) have been building future leaders for over 110 years in the Fox Valley. The Brigade mission is: We Build Leaders. For more information visit Brigade's website at [www.bgbrigade.com](http://www.bgbrigade.com) or call (920) 725-3983.

CAPTION: The Boys' and Girls' Brigade 10<sup>th</sup> grade youth program at ReStore.

