

Bowman High School

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Bowman Students Volunteer Habitat for Humanity SCV Homes for Heroes Event



On Saturday, November 5, eleven Bowman students woke up early to spend the day volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity SCV Homes for Heroes event. They joined people from different areas of the community that all got together for a common purpose: to help make improvements to a house belonging to an Iraq war veteran who suffers from a debilitating case of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), as well as a multitude of life-altering injuries sustained in his tour of duty in Iraq. Bowman students passed out water, removed sod, and helped clean up as needed.

"I was so proud of them!" said Bowman teacher and ASB advisor Jenny Dermody, referring to the frigid morning temperatures they encountered when they showed up just after sunrise.

"Half of the students stuck around in the afternoon too," Dermody added. "Someone was needed to remove the sod in the front yard, and several of our students jumped right in and took charge of the project until the very end."

Still other Bowman students helped with the tear-down at the end of the day, when all of the tools had to be put away, and the trash needed to be hauled to the dumpster.

At the end of the day, the students said it was a rewarding experience. They commented that, prior to this experience; they had no idea of the sacrifices that military families make when a mom or dad goes on active duty.