

Rebuilding Together 2009 Homeless Shelter Renovation

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin's, Celebration of Abraham, and other community groups brought the second Rebuilding Together project to Davis in April and May. This successful Rebuilding Together project focused on a renovation of the Davis Community Meals Transitional Housing Shelter and Resource Center. The much needed maintenance and improvements included adding rain gutters, replacing flooring, adding parking areas, upgrading a bathroom to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards, replacing old windows with double-paned, and installing drainage, landscaping and fencing.

The shelter, located at 1111 H Street, serves 14 long-term residents for up to 18 months and has two emergency shelter beds. The building also houses a day-time Resource Center where drop-in clients are provided access to basic life necessities such as showers, laundry facilities, telephones, help with transportation arrangements, a mailing address, and a computer room.

Rebuilding Together's mission is to preserve homes and communities for low-income seniors, families with children and people with disabilities. The organization's vision is a safe and healthy home/facility for every person.

The Celebration of Abraham, an organization founded to foster understanding between Davis Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities, has designated this project as their community project for this year.

The Davis Firefighters Union also provided financial and volunteer help. The Church of Latter Day Saints provided volunteers as well. This was St. Martin's Episcopal Church second successful Rebuilding Together project; the church completed a similar project in 2007.

Davis Community Meals is a nonprofit, non-denominational organization providing low-income and homeless individuals and families with housing, food, and human services to help them rebuild their lives.