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High School Students earn school credit by learning construction skills with Habitat for Humanity; Springfield Public Schools will complete full Habitat home rehab in three-week class

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – 13 high school students from the Springfield Public Schools will earn school credit by learning construction skills with Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO's (HFHS) construction team. Through the Explore program, students will spend two classroom days learning how to use construction tools and safety procedures, followed by two weeks of construction. The class is scheduled May 30 – June 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 3725 N. Faith Way, Springfield, MO 65803 in Habitat's Legacy Trails Neighborhood.

"This partnership is an outstanding opportunity to introduce high school students to the construction industry," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "We hope these students will be inspired to use their new knowledge of construction skills by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in the future."

Students participating in the Explore summer partnership with HFHS will rehabilitate an existing home. The students will work hands on with Habitat's construction team to learn proper installation of doors, windows, flooring, lighting, paint, and the full renovation of a kitchen and bathroom. Once the home is complete, a future Habitat homeowner will purchase the home with a 20-year no-profit loan.

Explore is a program offered by Springfield Public Schools that allows students an eight-week journey of summer learning through a multitude of programs. All students are empowered to reach their personalized destinations by mapping individual paths to learning relevant to their unique interests and passions.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri (HFHS) believes every person in the Springfield and surrounding area deserves a decent place to live. As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, HFHS impacts more than 130 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 490 homes, providing shelter for more than 998 men, women and children from Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties by helping people gain strength, stability and independence through housing, including home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products and programs. HFHS is a United Way of the Ozarks partner agency. Learn more, including official word marks and images, at habitatspringfieldmo.org/newsroom or at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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