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Story: What’s the Worst Part of Painting?

What’s the worst part of painting — taping or cleaning brushes? Volunteers from [The Courageous Church](#) did these unpopular tasks and more on July 14-15 when they updated the library and closets in the hallways of [Bowerman Elementary](#).

Approximately 25 volunteers replaced drab white with cool blue in a room that’s not only a place to read but a place to make things. Principal Angela Valchev says the library also serves as a community gathering space so it’s important for the room to be welcoming.



Another 15 volunteers stormed the hallways. The nooks where students hang their backpacks and coats were covered in dark, primary colors. Some nooks required three and four coats but now all the closets look classy in a creamy yellow. The color complements the stone walls of the century-old building in Woodland Heights.

The transformation awaits the 300 students who will return to school on August 16.



Neighborhood Revitalization:

This partnership with the faith community, Springfield Public Schools and Habitat for Humanity is a perfect example of [Neighborhood Revitalization](#) (NR). NR works to improve the quality of life for residents in a community through goals, planning and partners.

Habitat is able to impact more people by doing NR projects. In this case we painted a school instead of a house and provided a fresh start for staff and students at Bowerman Elementary.



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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri

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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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