

Taberg Residential Center Partners With Oneida County Habitat for Humanity

Taberg Residential Center recently partnered with Oneida County Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's home improvement stores in a service learning project for its students as part of their transition home plan. Taberg is a juvenile residential facility in Oneida County operated by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services.

The students and groups of volunteers are building the home with the Clark family as part of Habitat for Humanity's effort to eliminate poverty housing and to provide simple,



decent, affordable housing built in partnership with homeowners, volunteers and sponsors. Lowe's, a national partner with Habitat for Humanity, provided a \$20,000 grant to sponsor this home.

The Clark home is coming along beautifully, Oneida County Habitat for Humanity officials said. The Taberg students and staff worked at the Gridley Paige Road home with other volunteers.

"We are now working on finishing the siding outside, and the inside is being sheetrocked," said

Habitat's Christine Coonrod. Taberg students helped to sheetrock the interior and tape and sand the new walls, under the instruction of skilled volunteers.

The Clark family recently lost their home to fire and are living in a trailer on the building site. Mrs. Clark personally extended her thanks to the Taberg students for the needed help and their volunteerism. On a day when there were only two other volunteers available to work on the home, the Taberg Residential Center students and staff helped to sheetrock and finish three of the ranch home's rooms.

