

Habitat for Humanity: Hope in the Hills of Warren

“We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter”

Habitat for Humanity is an organization in which volunteers partner with Habitat for Humanity’s “Hope in the Hills of Warren” event. MORT eagerly participated in Warren County’s Habitat for Humanity event, Hope in the Hills of Warren, from June 23rd to 26th, 2017. During this time, our volunteers focused on helping disabled and low-income families in the Washington, Franklin, Mansfield, Hackettstown, and Oxford area.

MORT tackled numerous jobs--painting, demolition, utility installation, cement work, floor replacement, fence replacing, closet system installation, and more! Most of us did not know how to do these jobs before that day, so volunteering also gave us new knowledge that we can use to help us and others in the future.

Making the experience even more interesting, MORT students and advisors divided into different groups, each group covering fields of engineering to accounting to music. Here, we were able to spread our own mission to local volunteers as well as the homeowners. As most asked about our involvement in STEM, we were able to teach homeowners, kids, and even other volunteers about FIRST and its mission. Some, like a 10 year-old named Dylan, already knew of our team and had watched us at past competitions.

With 13 participants and 298 hours worth of hard work, we restored 30 homes in a single weekend! Not only did this give comfort in the homeowners knowing their houses were now refurbished, but it also gave them hope after meeting people who could potentially be the leaders of this world’s future!

