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## B/CS Habitat has a new partner - Prairie View A&M!

In the fall of 2011 students from Prairie View A&M University made the hour drive to Bryan to volunteer on a Habitat home in the Angels Gate subdivision. A year later, some of those same students are starting their own campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity – Panther Habitat.

That day in Bryan planted the seed for those students, members of The National Society of Black Engineers, to bring Habitat to Prairie View.

Mikaela Dulan, a sophomore engineering student, is leading the way. She proposed the idea and has gathered support from fellow students, faculty and even the mayor of Prairie View, Frank Jackson.

“Many community service events consist of redundant tasks and sometimes you rarely get to interact with the

people you're helping,” Mikaela explained. “But with Habitat for Humanity you see your efforts and how they directly affect others from beginning to end. We were thoroughly impressed with the concept as well as the relationship developed between TAMU students and their neighboring communities.”

With 16 students already committed, Mikaela and the others intend to make a positive impact both in B/CS and Prairie View. “Our hopes for this new chapter are to uplift our

community by creating new ways to contribute via the four campus functions (building, fundraising, advocating and educating),” Mikaela said. They look forward to developing a positive relationship between the university and the town of Prairie View, a relationship, Mikaela lamented, that is “close to non-existent.”

Student Habitat chapters must partner with a local affiliate. With none in the immediate area, the Prairie View students

had the freedom to choose one. They picked B/CS Habitat because of their great experience working in Angels Gate. “We've already created a bond with the coordinators and volunteers there,” Mikaela explained. “We had a great time with everyone and we look forward to interacting more with you all in the near future.”

They also feel a bond with the

members of Aggie Habitat, as Prairie View and Texas A&M are sister institutions in the A&M system. The officers of Aggie Habitat, including current president Cameron Fawcett and former president Ryan Antkowiak, are offering their support and assistance to help Panther Habitat get off the ground.

B/CS Habitat is very excited to partner with the students at Prairie View A&M and greatly appreciate their support and dedication to the community. Go Panthers! 



*Students from Prairie View volunteered at Cidelia Gonzales' home build last fall. The experience motivated them to start Panther Habitat.*



**RUN FOR THE HOUSE November 3 - 5k run and 2k walk - Starts in Blue Bell Park**

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## Summer interns named Volunteers of the Month

B/CS Habitat was fortunate to have three outstanding interns this summer. Unpaid, they volunteered many hours, worked hard and made a great impact on the organization. We are pleased to honor Drew Graham, Eric Luo and Jee-Ho Kang as volunteers of the month.



*The three great interns. Left: Jee-Ho Kang. Right: The Bush School students, Eric Luo and Drew Graham.*

Drew Graham, now a second year master's student at the Bush School, assisted in numerous ways in the Volunteer and Communications department. A former student body president at Texas Tech University, Drew brought a can-do attitude. "Drew was a huge help to me this summer," said Ryan Pierce, Director of Volunteer Experience and Communication. "He helped with so many different things, from long-term projects to daily operational tasks. Plus he's an extremely friendly guy and was well-liked by all the volunteers and staff."

Eric Luo is also a second year master's student at the Bush School. An international student from China, Eric was able to accomplish a lot in a short period of time. He

conducted a thorough impact study, examining the impact of Habitat homes both on the community and on the families who live in them. "Eric is very intelligent," said Leah Morales, Director of Finance and Administration. "He is a hard worker, and has a great attitude. He will be great at whatever profession he chooses."

Last but not least, Jee-Ho Kang assisted Selda Turek, Director of Family Programs, with many tasks. A graduate of A&M Consolidated High School and now a sophomore at the University of Texas, Jee-Ho was always willing to go above and beyond. Selda praised his hard work on projects like Cars for Homes and his willingness to tackle any job with a smile on his face. "I just loved him," she said. "He's an awesome kid!"

Thanks guys! 

## Run for the House - 5k run and 2k walk support Habitat, Nov. 3

First Christian Church is sponsoring the fourth annual Run For the House 5k run and 2k walk. All proceeds go to help sponsor a Habitat home!

Texas A&M baseball coach Rob Childress will serve as honorary chair and the finish line is on Olsen Field in Blue Bell Park!

Last year's proceeds helped build a home for the Dickey family. Almost complete, that house will be dedicated September 22! This year the money will go to the

Interfaith build, a home sponsored and built by local faith groups. First Christian's pastor, Jesse Myers, is adamant that we all have a responsibility to make a positive impact in our community. "We can't fix the world," he said, "but we can make our little piece of it better."

That's what this race is all about, inspired by the example of the late Rev. Rob Chandler. Rev. Chandler served as pastor of First Christian Church in Bryan from 2000-2007. During that time he showed our community a compassionate faith, which held at its heart the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 25:40: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me."

Rob always wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of those around him. Having passed in April 2009, this event is a fitting way to honor his memory and the faith that he shared so generously among us. 



**Date:** November 3, 2012

**Registration:** 7:00 a.m.

**Start:** 8:30 a.m.

**Location:** Pavilion • Blue Bell Park @ Olsen Field on the TAMU campus

**Entry Fee:** \$15 before Oct. 27  
\$20.00 on race day

Visit [habitatbcs.org](http://habitatbcs.org) for a registration form

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