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Volunteers work to improve Mexican housing

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Two dozen Mexican families celebrate in new homes

People play a critical role in the work that Habitat for Humanity does, says Habitat for Humanity's Talia Hardin. "Every time I see the joy on someone's face after we have built a house for them, I feel it's all worth it," she says.

"The work, I'm positive, turned out to be more rewarding than the other plans I was thinking about," says freshman Keaton Robinson. "I've never built a house before, so the hardest part, I think, was wondering if it was worth the money, time and effort. But we all decided to commit to it and contribute to the needs of others."

"I think it's the most rewarding experience," says sophomore Trey Robinson. "The experience of working with so many different students from various majors and backgrounds is something we didn't get in any class."

"It was a surreal experience," says junior Max Heimer. "You can look at a building and think, 'This used to be nothing but a wall, and now it's a home where a family lives.' It's hard to believe it's real."