

# Raising the Roof: A Chance to Make it Stop Raining Indoors

On a hot June 4, 2010, the Partnership to End Homelessness joined with AmeriCorps members serving with *Housing Greensboro* to remove the roof from 828 Avalon. They stepped out of their normal routine to help Mary, a 79 year old widow, because it rained *inside* her house. Mary had applied for help from local non-profit that



AmeriCorps members of Homelessness joined with serving with *Housing Greensboro*, a helps low income home



owners with housing repairs so that they can stay in their homes. *Housing Greensboro* inspected Mary's home and catalogued everything that needed to be repaired. The primary concern was to repair and replace her roof. *Housing Greensboro* staff and AmeriCorps members serving with *Housing Greensboro* provided tools and directions and, within 2½ hours, the shingles, tar paper, and nails were off the roof and in the truck serving as a dumpster. Not all members were on the roof. Some kept their feet on the ground, performing major landscaping duties. The members enjoyed the unique opportunity of this challenge (though all of them decided that they did **not** want to be roofers) and the chance to work with other AmeriCorps members. Mary enjoyed her neatly pruned yard and the hope that it was finally going to stop raining in her house!

