



The AmeriCorps Partnership to End Homelessness says “Thank You” to their Orientation Host

The AmeriCorps Partnership to End Homelessness began its 2010-2011 Service Year with a week of orientation training held at Grace Community Church. The Church welcomed the team with open arms and gave them their largest meeting room for the entire week. As a thank you, the team performed an hour of service for the church. During this hour, the team focused on sanitizing all of the Sunday School classrooms and nurseries ... and *all* of the toys in them. Members sanitized furniture and playrooms, washed blocks, and scrubbed down mountains of Leggos. They also cleaned the walls of staples in preparation for painting. They did in one hour a task it would have taken the church days to complete.

The Members also learned about service. They learned that serving others doesn't mean you get to pick and choose what you do; you just do what needs to be done. They learned that serving in a team is a great deal of fun because your teammates are serving with you. They all agreed that none of them would have wanted to tackle this task alone. They felt good about putting their time and energy toward something that was deeply needed and valued. Since serving others is what we do in AmeriCorps, this hour of saying “Thanks” turned out to be a great kick off for our service year.

