

Project Group #6

Project Title: “Room Adoption” Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley

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Project Goal/Objective: To raise funds to refurbish and make improvements, including the purchase of necessary beds, mattresses, furniture, paint, supplies, etc for one of the bedrooms at the Emergency Shelter. The team members personally provide the necessary labor to clean and paint the room, and in addition each team member conducts a “needs drive” with all donations of food, supplies, gift cards, etc. being contributed to the Emergency Shelter. By raising these funds, the Emergency Shelter operational budget can focus on client expenses such as food, transportation and case management.

Project Description: We began with a tour of the Emergency Shelter during which a photographer took pictures of rooms that could potentially be adopted. We used those pictures to create a visual presentation that was displayed at the Emergency Shelter Annual Gala where we created an auction item “A Room for A Room”. We donated a weekend cottage “get-away” on Lake George in Rhinelander. Through the funds raised at the auction, and other generous contributions, Group 6 was able to provide paint, carpeting, new mattresses, lamps, dressers, a Pack & Play Bed with linens, alarm clock, pictures, and carpet to refurbish a bedroom. Once the items were purchased our group physically cleaned, painted and provided the necessary labor to complete the project. In addition, each group member conducted a “needs drive” where by we collected food, hygiene products, gift and gas cards and other necessary items to help stock the shelves at the Emergency Shelter.

It is our hope that we were able to make our “Leadership Fox Cities Adopted Room” a more welcoming and accommodating place and inspire those who utilize the facility to take a bigger stake in their own future. Our efforts recognize the dignity of all members of the Fox Cities community.