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Abstract

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History

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To raise money for the organization, student members are involved in many fundraisers throughout the academic year, like phone-a-thons, selling programs at sporting events, yard work and window washing for professors and community members, and accepting donations for products at the Habitat for Humanity Alternative Fair. To raise awareness of a lack of adequate shelter and overabundance of substandard homes, the group holds sledding and Halloween parties for children in the community and an annual sleep-out in the Pine Grove. For the sleep-out, many students and Greek organizations participate by constructing cardboard "homes" for the night. In addition to local efforts, the group also travels to other sites, like Meridian, Mississippi, in 1997, to assist other Habitat for Humanity groups in building homes for families.

Scope and Content

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