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Teens work hard for Habitat for Humanity

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Teens from the Niles Teen Center worked hard washing cars on Saturday, and all for a great cause.

The teens raised \$340 over two days.

The first Saturday, 10 teens were busy cleaning cars for three to four hours, despite the rain.

This past Saturday, 18 kids washed cars at Golf Mill Mall for six hours.

“We had a lot of participation,” said Teen Center Director Mark Williams, who said the kids worked hard scrubbing and hosing off the cars. Out of the total amount raised, \$170 of that will benefit the Habitat for Humanity of Lake County, an organization that helps build and maintain homes for those less fortunate.

Williams said Golf Mill Mall and the restaurant, Elephant Bar, have been supporters of Habitat for Humanity so he thought it would be a good idea for the Niles Teen Center to also get involved in helping them out.

Since many of the teens were too young to physically work on the homes, Williams felt this was the next best thing.

“For next summer we’re going to try to do the same thing,” said Williams.

“We’re still trying to think about what we could have done better,” said Williams. “I was hoping to see a lot more traffic than what we did.”

Williams said maybe traffic was lower due to the rainfall or the economy. He said that maybe they need to be closer to the street the next time around.

A check presentation is expected to be made at the next village board meeting at the end of August.