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**01.18.2012 | Campus and Community, Service and Giving** Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity will recognize the University at a ceremony this week for its volunteer work supporting the Habitat mission of "providing a hand up, not a hand out" for lower income families seeking home-ownership.

The University will receive one of three President's Volunteer Service Awards during Dayton Habitat's annual volunteer recognition celebration Jan. 19 at the Packard Museum, 420 S. Ludlow St., downtown. The University earned the Silver Award, given to groups completing between 500 and 999 service hours in a calendar year.

"The University of Dayton strives to link learning and scholarship with leadership and service," said Kelly Bohrer, coordinator of community outreach. "This award gives light to the commitment we have on campus to use our compassionate hearts and critical minds to help create a better world for all. I hope it will encourage many more to become involved in our local community and to work with the people of Dayton."

Last year, 165 individuals from the University of Dayton volunteered a total of 781 hours with Dayton Habitat.

That number includes hours completed by faculty, staff and students through the student-run Habitat for Humanity club, other University volunteer groups that completed Habitat volunteer projects and individual volunteer work by University of Dayton community members.

"Dayton Habitat for Humanity really brings out the best in University of Dayton students every week with opportunities to volunteer on local houses that directly change the lives of families forever," said Kevin Longacre, president of the student Habitat for Humanity club, who will accept the award for the University. "This award is great for the University because the students can see the impact we can make collectively when working towards the common mission to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the world."

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