

Michigan Kappa Chapter Constructs Wheelchair Ramp

The Michigan Kappa Chapter constructed a wheelchair ramp last November for a family in southwest Michigan. Former chapter president Andrew Peruski initiated this project by securing a 2011 Greater Interest in Government Award from Tau Beta Pi national headquarters. The project was coordinated by chapter student officer Thomas Wheeler, engineering faculty member and chapter advisor Dr. Damon Miller, and David Orchanian from the College of Health and Human Services, who used his contacts to locate a family in need of a ramp. The twenty-eight foot ramp and a set of stairs were completed in a single day of construction by chapter members with the invaluable assistance of carpenter Dennis Uhlir. The project was supported by a hydraulic post-hole digger loaned by Neil's Hardware in Mattawan, MI, vehicles from the WMU College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and by the local township and building inspector, who provided a free inspection.



Some of the volunteers pictured next to the nearly completed wheelchair ramp

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