

*How wonderful it is that
nobody need wait a single
moment before starting to
improve the world.*

—Anne Frank

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Meet our Done in a Day Volunteers



DIAD is a very simple concept: **Start Early.. End Late.. Done in a Day!** Volunteers can come as a team of at

least four to five members; or individuals may volunteer and be assigned to an existing team. If a project cannot be completed in one day, it will be continued another day with another team.

Year-round **DIAD** teams will usually work on the first Saturday of a month. Participants must be at least 14 years old and have graduated from the 9th grade.

L.I. Summer Daycation teams are working Wednesdays and Saturdays. Other days are available if arranged in advance.



Read about some of our **DIAD** teams' work experiences in this issue of our newsletter!

DIAD Teams: Featuring Newtown, CT and I.B.E.W.



Newtown, CT DIAD team at work in Long Beach.

Volunteers from Newtown, CT have come to Long Island multiple times to work on DIAD projects.

They were here several months ago to work on one Long Beach home. They started at the very beginning of the home's restoration after demo.

They returned this past May to work again, and by coincidence happened to be reassigned to that same house. This time, the volunteers installed the sheetrock needed to obtain a certificate of occupation. They were very happy to see all the additional work done in the interim.

In June, the I.B.E.W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) came to work on two **DIAD** projects. They installed sheetrock on a garage ceiling in a Long Beach home, and started the repair on entry

steps for an Oceanside home. In early July, they returned to finish the work on the steps, using wood to create the stoop and railings. A brand new mail box post was then added.

It is such a joy for us and our volunteers to see their work completed and a good rapport gained with grateful home owners.

IBEW DIAD Finished Steps



Unexpected DIAD team arrives to help



The Universal Unitarians installing ceiling sheetrock.

Wednesday July 9th, brought us a surprise: a last minute arrival of a group of ten members of the Universal Unitarians from Westborough, MA. This team of high school young folks and the adults who accompanied them joined our construction coordinator, Gus Segredo, and Bill Burke, one of our

team leaders, to work on a Long Beach home. They spent their Wednesday learning how to measure, cut, and install sheet rock; and place joint tape over the resulting seams. We

understand that they really enjoyed their work day, and they did a great job! We want to thank Jennifer Fay and Hanna Spofford for providing the pictures of the team's work.



“Teens In Action”

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St. Brigid’s & Notre Dame HS Team

A combined service group from the St. Brigid's High School of Westbury and the Notre Dame High School of New Hyde Park came in on 7-11-14 to work on a home in Woodmere.

The group was part of an annual summer service mission that is called “Teens in Action.” The youth ministries of St. Brigid Catholic Church in Westbury and Notre Dame Catholic Church in New Hyde Park have partnered for several years in bringing together teens from these parishes to live out the gospel in service to others. Over the course of 4 days, the teens partake of three full

days of service across Long Island.



Preparing ceiling for paint.



Painting in Woodmere home.

Long Island Summer “Daycation”

The New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Hurricane Sandy Recovery Ministries are sponsoring Done in a Day.

Saturdays, depending on availability. Possible dates are August 6, 16, 20 and September 6, 20. Other dates could be scheduled as needed.

If you are interested in participating, you can contact: Peggy Racine for Long Island at 516-795-1322, Samantha Christian at 347-252-7979 for Staten Island, or Gillian Prince at 718-594-7972, for Brooklyn.

For the summer, projects will be scheduled on Wednesdays as well as on

