

May 20, 2006.

What a great and beautiful day we had working on the house this Saturday. Not only was the weather beautiful so was the company as three Carolina Panther Top Cats visited the kids and worked along side them for the entire day.

Prayer Breakfast took place and as the anticipation built the Topcats walked in to "Here they come" "there here" "what do we do?" statements from the kids. Just reminded us that they are still young. The Girls on the team went right up to them and began talking and the Topcats were well informed about the project as the questions from them began. The boys "Guys" shy away and played foosball as they looked in awe, not knowing what to say. Typical guys with great anticipation and a breakdown in communication. As we sat down to a great breakfast, the conversation was led by the cheerleaders and adult volunteers and soon the guys and the team began to open up.

The Topcats were made "Honorary Club Members" and were given gifts. As breakfast ended two of Wilson Police Department's finest were blessed with providing security for the girls and led the team by Police escort with sirens blaring to the work site.

The Topcats were amazed at the house restoration so far and were eager to work with the team. The safety brief was given by Mark Adams and the crew jobs were handed out. The girls and Topcats were going to start priming the porch and five of the windows that were prepared throughout the week. The house looked great as the landscaping has begun with the help of Bill Jeffrey leading the team. Guy Martin helped the team along with Devoris, Team Leader in finishing the studs on the inside of the house. It was great to have the all these projects going on at once.

As the painting began to wrap up and the block wall that separated the two lots was being torn down and the walls were a few boards from being finished, Mark Adams showed off one of his many other talents. He was the chef of the day, cooking chicken quarters in Mark's own special sauce, hamburgers and hotdogs, his wife prepared a fruit cookie pizza and bake bean that you won't find in a can. Josh's grandmother made meatballs, potato salad, and lemon cake. Kids Cafe, a club program supplied the drinks, meats, chips and all eating supplies needed for a first class picnic with the Topcats.

The Cheerleaders and the female staff played a team building game verse the male members, the Girls won of course, as the guys I believe were distracted from concentration. It was great fun.

Valinda Cool took pictures and many visitors attended the day. The Topcats signed photos for everyone and as the day ended as it began, Guy led us in prayer. God was good to us today, as he has been through this project.

To donate to the Boys & Girls Club or Building Blocks for Real change call Matt Edwards or James Maynez at 243-5443 / 237-0994. Your financial contributions and your volunteer time are both appreciated.

The team would also like to thank Stephanie Batten for a great radio show about the Possible Dream. It was live this past Friday on WZAX 99.3.

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