

"Making a Difference"



Drake students pose with Lucy and Lou Mace.

"Make A Difference Day" is a special day in which each citizen can do something to help someone else or undertake a project to benefit the community or society that will make a difference in people's lives.

Drake students made a real difference in Drake area. Approximately 100 Drake University students and nine staff members painted the house and garage of an elderly couple living near the campus on national "Make a Difference Day" Saturday, Oct. 27. Lucy and Lou Mac were not able to undertake the project themselves and the students felt that this would be the "right thing to do."

The painting, sponsored by the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and the Drake softball team, took place at 1123 26th St. - the home of Lou and Lucy Mace, longtime residents of the Drake neighborhood.

Their house, built around 1900, hadn't been painted in at least 11 years. In addition to painting, students raked leaves and helped to clean up the yard. A small but important part of improving the beauty of the neighborhood. The project not only benefited the Mace's but benefited every student and supporter involved in the project by knowing that extending the hand of kindness can "Make a Difference".

Sodexo Facility Services at Drake donated white paint for the project and local painting contractor Ken Agee contributed labor, materials and equipment. Free food for participating students and staff was provided by McDonald's, Kum & Go and the West End lounge. The Drake Area Business Association also supported the project.

Larry Molenburg, Drake's real estate manager and the University's representative on the Keep Des Moines Beautiful Committee, coordinated the effort. "This is the first time Drake has participated in 'Make a Difference Day,'" Molenburg said. "It's a great way to get students involved in community service and to show that the University is pitching in to improve the neighborhood."

Watch for more information on Drake University programs in future columns.

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