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WESTERN SUPPORTS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. Joseph, Mo. — Dec. 10, 2004 — Several hundred Missouri Western State College students, faculty and staff have been involved in fundraisers, working on houses, building housing components and helping with yard work to support St. Joseph's Habitat for Humanity this semester.

Members of the Griffon Habitat for Humanity, Western's student group, are currently holding a fundraiser for the St. Joseph Habitat. Over 20 student volunteers built a playhouse, and they are selling tickets for \$1 to win it. A winner will be drawn on Dec. 23. Tickets are available by calling Amanda Gruber at (816) 383-6177, or at the East Hills Shopping Center at Habitat's gift wrapping table. The playhouse is also on display there. "It turned out really great," said Gruber, president of the student Habitat group.

Support for St. Joseph's Habitat began early in the semester when over 800 incoming freshmen spent a day working with Habitat for Humanity as part of their Griffon Edge orientation program. Incoming freshmen built housing components, distributed information, worked in yards and held a car wash fundraiser.

In October more Western students spent a day working on a Habitat house during

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the college's annual Big Event. The support continued through November as approximately 15 members of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority volunteered at the Habitat House.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.