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Haney Technical Center Donates Labor for Mission Renovation

Panama City- If hands-on is always the best way to learn, some students are getting their tuition's worth this semester.

Students in Danny Pippin's carpentry class at Haney Technical Center start Monday, September 15, earning on the job training hours. As a class project, four students will complete the framing and drywall work on Panama City Rescue Mission's dorm renovation.

"This is an exciting time because we are renovating a vacant floor that has been closed for a number of years," Executive Director Thurman Chambers said.

The floor will house 25 residents of Panama City Rescue Mission's "Power to Choose" Christian Recovery Program. The program is a work therapy program where individuals may rehabilitate from the issues that lead to their homelessness. This area will also provide space for 12 step group meetings, recreation area, bible study classes, library and a computer enhanced learning center.

"We like to do community projects when time permits," Pippin said. It gives the students practical experience so not everything takes place in the classroom.

Students taking the class are experienced adult carpenters attending Haney Tech for more education. Because they have access to all the tools and equipment, Pippin says they will continue doing community service projects whenever they can.

Panama City Rescue Mission received the donated materials needed for the framing from Mid South Lumber, Panama City, Fl. Bay Electric of Panama City will donate their time to complete the electrical and wiring aspects of the renovation.

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