

Proudly Helping Our Community

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I recently moved to the country and am trying to get involved in my new community. I have always enjoyed volunteering for worthy causes, which is one of the reasons I love working for Lone Star Ag Credit.

Our headquarters office in Fort Worth stays heavily involved with many events in Fort Worth and Dallas, and our branch offices are involved in activities to help improve their communities as well. Lone Star Ag Credit is honored to serve the 12 communities and 33 counties in North Texas that represent our territory.

Stephenville Branch Supports Erath County Habitat for Humanity

Gerrit Schouten, loan officer in the Stephenville branch, serves on the board of directors and the Family Selection Committee for Habitat for Humanity. He views his involvement as a way to give back to his community.

“We forget everyday how blessed we truly are and how good we have it,” Schouten says. “I like what this organization stands for, because we aren’t just handing out free houses. We are helping people afford homes.”

Schouten and other volunteers from the Stephenville office spent a Saturday in January helping to build a house. “I thought we would be fetchers for the day. It turned out we were responsible for Sheetrocking a bedroom and putting up siding,” said Schouten.

Lanell Guinn, administrative assistant, recalls the highlight of the experience. “The best moment was seeing the face of the individual buying and receiving the habitat house. She was very grateful and excited about her new home. It was a very fulfilling moment for all of us!” Guinn says.

Branch President Matt James adds, “Our staff has always worked as a team, and this showed their capability to work as a team outside the office. Their compassion and generosity has strengthened my belief that, as a team, we can make our community a better place.”

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.org.



Top photo: Gerrit Schouten puts up Sheetrock. Middle photo: Teamwork by the Lone Star crew. Bottom photo: Jason Pettit hard at work.



Mount Pleasant Branch Participates in Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society’s signature event, Relay for Life, offers everyone an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out and take turns walking or running around a track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event, which lasts up to 24 hours.

Ron Watson, vice president in Lone Star’s Mount Pleasant office, decided his branch would do the walk because so many families are affected by cancer. Watson and his coworkers participated

in the walk and various other activities to help raise money for the cause.

Loan Officer Rustin Watson says, “It was good to see such a large turnout for such a small community. You usually only hear about these events in larger venues, but smaller communities also contribute to many causes.”

To learn more about Relay for Life, visit www.cancer.org.