



PRESS RELEASE

Winthrop University Students Paint Pilgrims' Inn

Rock Hill, SC --September 23, 2006-- Two of Winthrop University's ACAD 101 classes have joined together in a service learning project at Pilgrims' Inn. The forty ACAD 101 students that are participating in the project will paint the interior rooms of Pilgrims' Inn. The interior of the Pilgrims' Inn has not been painted in over five years.

ACAD 101 is a required course for all entering freshman at Winthrop University. This course provides students with the skills essential for higher learning and allows them to transition from high school to college. ACAD 101 students participate in the Service Learning Project with their Instructor and Peer Mentor to improve the lives of others and help others in the community.

Pilgrims' Inn is a homeless shelter located in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Its purpose is to provide assistance for homeless mothers and their children during hard times in their lives and strives to guide them in the direction of independence. Pilgrims' Inn offers many different services such as Emergency Assistance Programs, Dorothy Bing Inn Homeless Shelter, Counseling, Open Arms Day Care Center, and Tricia's Court Transitional Housing. Pilgrims' Inn's philosophy is "to see dignity in each person who comes through the door"

There will be forty ACAD 101 students working together to complete the project in one weekend. Fort Mill-based skylight company Velux America is funding this project. Donations were also received from Jersey Mikes and citizens of the community. The date of the Pilgrims' Inn Project is September 22-23, 2006.

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