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Shaw Industries' Summer of Service volunteers from Global Sourcing landscaped the United Way office. In the front row, from left, are Stacey Moore, Lori Thornton, Carrie Harper, Denise Daniel, Madeline Thornton, Dianne Cowart, Dee Montgomery, Terri Ball and Debbie Ellis. In the back row are Bill Forthman, Michelle Hurley, Holly Richards, Kim Hufstetler, Heather Mercer, Serena Martin and Denise Showalter.

Summer of Service

Shaw donates more than \$100,000 worth of time

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Though the beginning of fall does not mark the end of Shaw Industries associate volunteering, it does conclude its corporate Summer of Service program.

Shaw Industries teamed up with the United Way of Northwest Georgia to make great things happen throughout Whitfield and Murray counties this summer. More than 875 volunteers completed more than 90 projects throughout the community in the past three months, creating a value of more than \$100,000 in donated time. The project was expanded from a week of service in previous years to a summer of service for 2016.

"From installing new flooring at the Whitfield County-Dalton Day Care Center to building a wheelchair ramp for Family Support Council, Shaw associates have given freely of their time and expertise to help make a difference in their communities," said Curtis Callaway, Shaw campaign co-chair.

Not only did Shaw associates get involved with various United Way community partners and see the needs of the community, they also enabled Shaw's corporate vision to come to life: "creating a better future: for our customers, for our people, for our company and for our communities."

"Get engaged and learn about the needs of the community. I promise that if you are involved and learn about United Way's mission and services then your heart will direct you to give financially," shared Vance Bell, CEO of Shaw Industries, at the company's kickoff event.



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Curtis Callaway, who served as Shaw Industries' 2016 United Way campaign co-chair along with Deanna Mathis, volunteered to pressure wash The GreenHouse, a child abuse advocacy center, which is funded in part by United Way.

Based on the Independent Sectors value of volunteer time, \$119,166.60 was given through 5,007 volunteer hours from Shaw associates.

"Through our service across northwest Georgia, hundreds of Shaw associates are creating a better future in improving lives through United Way community partners who play such an important role where we live and work," said Deanna Mathis, Shaw campaign co-chair.

One of these projects was completed during the course of the summer every Tuesday

and Thursday at RossWoods Adult Day Services. RossWoods is a place where elderly people with dementia and those with disabilities who cannot be alone during the day can go to find social engagement. Volunteers held a corn hole tournament, assisted with crafts, played bingo and had meaningful conversations, all making the participants' day brighter.

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