

# **St. Pete High Key Club makes its mark with Historic Kenwood Partnership**

My family moved to Historic Kenwood four years ago. At that time, like the present, the community was full of gorgeous homes and absolutely wonderful people. Our home, on the other hand, with its peeling paint and unorthodox accessories, just didn't seem up to par. After two years of living in our house with its much needed paint, my mother was approached by a neighbor who was involved with a group of volunteers who did exactly that, fix up houses, turning them into homes that fit the standard of the Community. They offered to repaint our house changing it from an eye-sore to a home that won the Historic Kenwood Home and Garden Award.

I was amazed by the group's passion for volunteering and decided to find a way to help people like they had helped us. As a student of St. Pete High and a member of the school's Key Club, we had volunteered all over St. Petersburg and Tampa. Previously we participated in events such as garden fix up & clean ups, so I knew repainting a house would be right up our alley.

In September, I contacted a Partnership member requesting we coordinate an event together with Key Club volunteers. Finally, on January 30th, exactly one year after my family's own home was finished, 35 Key Club members & team leaders painted, cleaned and fixed up the home and yard of a neighborhood property.

Bright and early that day our three groups of 10 volunteers, including one leader per each group, was so efficient that within an hour and a half the first coat of paint was on. The group continued to work together by focusing on landscaping which ultimately lead us to

discovery of historical artifacts under the soil. Wow, what a day!  
I'm proud to say that the event was a fantastic experience both for  
myself and the Key Club, and is one that we hope to continue  
throughout the year.

Thanks to all, Hannah Rose Wanless

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