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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Students Participate in Service Learning Project during Spring Break in Alamosa, Colo.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Eleven students from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi spent their spring break volunteering at La Puente in Alamosa, Colo. The non-profit organization serves Colorado’s San Luis Valley by providing food, shelter, and advocacy for the homeless and community members in crisis.

The students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program and service learning project March 15-17 were Bianca Alvarado, Diana Alvarez, Kayla Angelosante, Amparo Diaz, Chanida Jennifer Jangchaimonta, Jessica Jara, Christina Martinez, Rafael Martinez-Mayorga, Aaron Otero, Jeanette Scarsdale and Christiana Williams. The students were accompanied by Tori Amason, Kim Duncan and Jack Pence, student activities coordinators, and H. Lincoln Walburn, assistant director of the University Center.

The volunteers painted the Rainbow’s End Alamosa thrift store; pulled weeds to make way for a garden; ripped apart couches and recycled the wood and metal; spray-painted bicycles for shelter residents; and emptied a trash-filled trailer. Also, students prepared community meals for the emergency shelter and participated in various activities through the Positive Activities Lift the Spirit (PALS) Children’s Program.

“The trip to the La Puente Home was a life-changing experience,” said Student Activities Coordinator Jack Pence. “Students had the opportunity to work alongside the residents utilizing the services of La Puente. From this, the students learned the importance of La Puente’s mission and work, engaged in service-learning and developed a passion and pride for the work they did.”

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