



## Rawhide Gives Back to the Community through Habitat for Humanity Home



**Alex and Gary hang drywall inside the Habitat home.**

Each year Rawhide youth contribute over 6,000 hours of community service, which impacts the young men in positive ways. These projects train youth in a variety of vocational tasks such as construction, repair, and grounds maintenance. The work experience gained from these projects goes a long way in helping them become productive citizens.

This past summer, Rawhide partnered with J.J. Keller & Associates to construct a new home in Appleton through Habitat for Humanity. The home-building project started in August and 10 Rawhide youth and staff worked a total of 12 of the 19 scheduled volunteer days to complete the project by October. "J.J. Keller approached Rawhide about partnering to build the home with Habitat for Humanity, and it was an easy decision to say yes," stated Earl Schmoll (About Face Project Coordinator).

Habitat for Humanity-Youth Build provided the young men with a unique opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the construction field.

"There weren't a lot of challenges with the youth constructing the home as each student was paired with an experienced volunteer who guided the young man with work tasks," continued Schmoll. Alex, a student in the About Face program, stated, "The other volunteers made sure that we were doing things right and were very helpful during our time there. It was hard work to build that house, but was also really fun at the same time."

The overall attitudes and dedication shown by the Rawhide youth who worked on the home did not go unnoticed. "I especially need

to thank the group from Rawhide for coming out almost every day of the build to assist in what we see today. They are a great bunch of guys, very polite and willing to help with anything," stated Amy Bryant, the homeowner.



**Youth receive valuable work experience using power tools.**

work is going to a family who really deserves a home like this." The dedication ceremony also contained prayers, thanks, the gift of a Bible to the family, and a few tears of joy and gratitude to the partner organizations.

Giving back to the community is a value emphasized through Rawhide programs that youth can take back to their own communities.



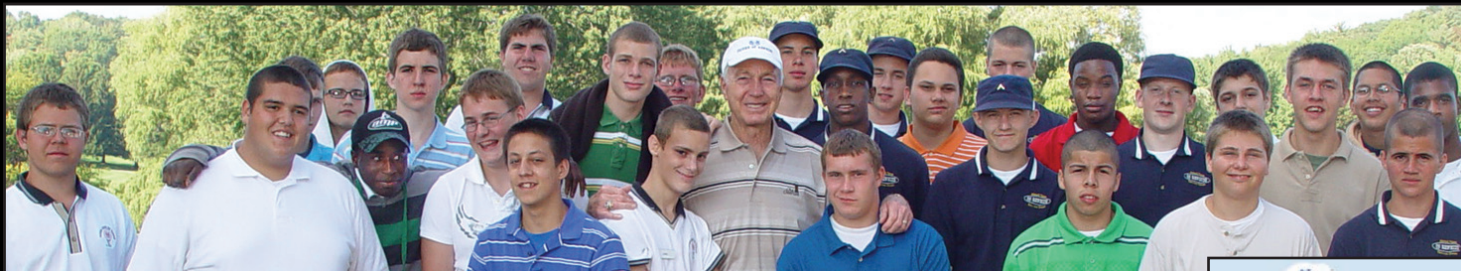
**CJ assists on the building project.**

The home was dedicated to the Bryant family on October 26 with some of the young men and staff who constructed the home in attendance. Tim Guerin (About Face Field Trainer) presented the family with the keys to the home. Alex said, "It was a really cool feeling to know that your hard



**Completed home in Appleton, Wisconsin.**

## Rawhide Youth Caddie for NFL Alumni Golf Outing



Rawhide students enjoyed caddying for the Green Bay NFL Alumni, including Rawhide Co-Founder Bart Starr.

On September 21 Rawhide youth had the opportunity to caddie for the Green Bay Chapter-NFL Alumni Charity Golf Classic. Each student was paired with a former NFL player and provided caddie duties for them during the event. Green Bay Packers greats Jerry Kramer, John Brockington, Lynn Dickey, and of course, Bart Starr, were just a few of the former players on hand for the event. The event is a rewarding experience for Rawhide youth and can leave a lasting impression on those who need positive role models.



Bart Starr gave the youth positive encouragement.



Dennis Besler pictured with his son on a recent visit to Rawhide.

## Alumnus Credits Rawhide Family Values

I was at Rawhide from 1970 to 1973. One of the many things I learned at Rawhide was a sense of family life that I had not experienced until entering the program. The program showed me the importance of hard work, honesty, and integrity. All values that make me the person I am today. I am very proud to say that I've been married for 25 years to Sue, my best friend, and have two grown children, Dennis and Becky. I really embraced the Rawhide way of life. The many things experienced during my stay were needed to change my life to avoid going down the negative path I was on. It's very humbling to me to come from a poor and negative home life before Rawhide to the point where I am today. I am so blessed with the life I have.



Terri (Instructor) and Raul proudly display the book where his poems are published.

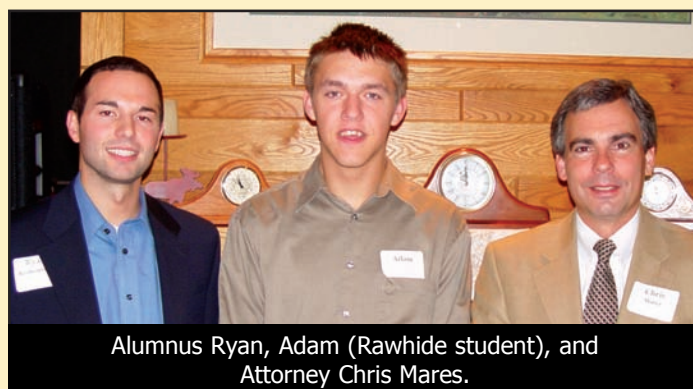
## Rawhide Student Gets Poem Published Nationally

Every famous writer has to start somewhere. Raul, a current student at Starr Academy, recently got that start by having one of his poems published in *Creative Communication: A Celebration of POETS*. Each year, Terri Simpson (Starr Academy instructor), encourages students to enter a national contest with their own poems or essays that they've written. Below is Raul's award-winning poem.

### Anger

Anger, it makes you mad.  
Indeed it has something to do with sad.  
Got me a mom, but not a dad,  
In this life, I just want to be glad.  
Anger,  
But then I get madder and madder  
To the extent where nothing matters,  
Wanting to make so many things shatter,  
Anger,  
You then get hot,  
And think something about yourself,  
That you are not,  
Flashbacks kick in,  
About fights that I fought,  
Killing me from the inside,  
It's making me rot,  
Anger,  
It's so hard,  
But the whole thing,  
I got to let drop,  
"Anger, it does make you mad."  
Raul, Grade 10

## Is Rawhide in Your Estate Plan?



Alumnus Ryan, Adam (Rawhide student), and Attorney Chris Mares.

On October 2 the #15 Rawhide League held its 4<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon. In recognition of their planned giving commitment to Rawhide, members enjoyed a special meal and presentation inside the Carriage Youth Home. They were treated to stories from Adam, a current student, and Ryan, a Rawhide alumnus who is currently a financial advisor. Both spoke to the group on how Rawhide has changed their lives in positive ways. Attorney Chris Mares also gave a presentation titled, "Estate tax: Now you see it, now you don't."

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If you would like more information on planned giving (bequests, annuities, charitable remainder trusts) or learning how you can become a member of the #15 Rawhide League, visit our website at [www.rawhide.org](http://www.rawhide.org) or call toll free 1-888-745-7444.