



JOURNEYGROUPS

Connect  
Grow  
Serve

The Journey Group Experience enables members to not only be hearers of the Word, but doers as well. Journey Groups are designed to give every member the unique opportunity to join side-by-side with other believers to impact the community and reflect the love of Christ.

## The Shuler's Journey Group

### Serving Project 2008

When Kathleen and Scott Shuler's Journey Group began searching for ways to serve within the Norman community, God provided an immediate answer. Group member, Bethany Jackson, took the call from Bridges, a Norman-based organization that provides housing, financial assistance, and social services for high school and college students without a home.

The group wasted no time responding.

*"When I received this phone call, I was informed that 2 high school students needed a new home and Bridges was desperate to help them," said Jackson. "In order for a student to start living under their umbrella, two apartments needed to be furnished quickly. I got off the phone and contacted our small group letting them know the urgency for these kids and their situation. I was not surprised that each and everyone one of them unselfishly asked, 'what can I do?' "*



Over the course of the next week, the group gave both time and money to collect new and used furnishings for the apartments. On October 8th, the group brought two large truckfuls of furniture to Sooner Pointe apartments. They immediately set to work transforming the apartments that would soon be a blessing to students in need.

*"Everyone pitched in either giving their finances, time, or shopping. God even worked in my children who loved helping re-upholster chairs and painted some interesting artwork for their new homes! We got down on our hands and knees painting furniture, putting it together and praying for the teens that would be living there," said Jackson.*

Group leader, Kathleen Shuler commented, "It was such an awesome feeling to know that we were able to impact these kids' lives."

But the impact of the group's serving experience goes beyond what happened in that single day. Group members have connected several local dentists to provide free dental services for the teens in the Bridges organization.

*"We talk about seeing a city transformed at Journey," said Jackson, "but actually showing Christ's love to the kids at Bridges (a secular organization), and helping to use our group's network in the community to create ongoing medical help to the students were two ways that we really saw transformation happening in our community...one life at a time!"*

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Bring your Journey group to  
**FIRST WEDNESDAY**

**DEC. 3rd, 7pm  
EAST CAMPUS**