

## San Joaquin County Office of Education

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# **Volunteers Join YouthBuild San Joaquin Students and Habitat for Humanity** *PGIM Real Estate employees help students and charity build affordable homes*

YouthBuild San Joaquin students worked side by side today with a group of 22 volunteers from PGIM Real Estate to build affordable housing in Stockton with Habitat for Humanity of San Joaquin County. PGIM Real Estate, formerly Prudential Real Estate Investors, is the real estate investment business of PGIM Inc., the global investment management businesses of Prudential Financial, Inc. (NYSE: PRU).

The students and volunteers worked together at Dream Creek Homes, a Habitat for Humanity subdivision that will provide 19 homes when completed. YouthBuild San Joaquin is a San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) program for students up to age 24 who have a second chance to get their high school diploma. The program also provides students with job skills. The partnership with Habitat for Humanity is one way YouthBuild students prepare for careers by obtaining hands-on experience. YouthBuild students also attend the SJCOE's San Joaquin Building Futures Academy (SJBFA).

Prudential has been a long-term partner of YouthBuild for almost 20 years providing financial contributions. Most recently, PGIM Real Estate has been an active supporter of YouthBuild and SJBFA through employee service. The build day at Dream Creek demonstrates a continued strengthening of the relationship between the SJCOE and PGIM Real Estate.

"PGIM Real Estate is committed to practicing good global citizenship starting with the communities we serve," said Kevin R. Smith, head of Americas at PGIM Real Estate. "We are proud to partner with YouthBuild, Dream Creek Homes and the SJCOE to build affordable housing while also helping create pathways for young people to meaningful employment and self-sufficiency."

YouthBuild San Joaquin and its partner school, San Joaquin Building Futures Academy, are accepting applications. Applicants must be aged 16-24, not have a high school diploma, and must be at least ONE of the following: youth offender; youth with a disability; currently or formerly in foster care; receiving food stamps, TANF, or SSI; or a child of an incarcerated parent. For more information about applying, call (209) 468-8140 or go to <a href="https://www.buildingfuturesacademy.org">www.buildingfuturesacademy.org</a>.

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