

Beds

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decided to build bunk beds for the children and "it really worked out well."

From that kind deed an idea grew in Waldrop's mind soon to develop into Mad-CAAP's newest project.

The beds were purchased from Wesley Arnold, owner of Arnold's Furniture in Grenada, at cost of \$74. Mad-CAAP was able to purchase the 50 bunk beds through a grant from a non-disclosed foundation.

Waldrop could not have been happier with Arnold's timing.

"When he showed up, everything just fell in place. He's also helping us on some beds for adults," he said.

For Bruce, once the beds were accounted for, all that remained to be supplied were the necessary linens. She contacted John Temple, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madison, and got her home church, Madison United Methodist, involved as well.

"We thought, 'wouldn't it be good if we good give a sheet set, a blanket and a pillow with each bunk bed,'" Bruce said. "Thank God for the wonderful people of south Madison County."

Sunnybrook Estates joined the efforts by providing a personalized Bible for each child scheduled to receive a bed.

Both Waldrop and Bruce agree, however,

that though a sizeable feat, the donation of these beds is only the beginning and not the end.

"The more we do the more there is. We haven't even touched it," Waldrop said, with Bruce concurring.

"I'm not even touching the tip of the iceberg up there. I can use four times that many (beds)," she said.

Waldrop and Bruce, both full-time Mad-CAAP volunteers, do not see the impoverished Sawmill area as a black hole for resources, but a ripe area for education.

"We need to teach them to take better care of themselves," Bruce said. "Just basic things

that we think everyone knows. But they don't."

Waldrop was also excited about the educational programs recently established the area for young, single mothers.

"We have new attitude classes in the fall and in the spring where young mothers will come through a 10-week course on basic living skills. We usually have 40 to 50 each class," Waldrop said.

Though Waldrop, who will oversee the installation of the bunk beds, does not need any more help on Nov. 8, he urges those interested in volunteering to check out Mad-CAAP's new Web site to find out about other

volunteer opportunities at www.madcaap.org.

"You don't have to know how to do anything, just have a willing attitude," Waldrop said.

Bruce urged that people also provide of their resources, in addition to their time.

"I have a waiting list for stoves, refrigerators, couches," Bruce said. "We have several people get burned out (of their homes)."

Those desiring to volunteer with or donate to Mad-CAAP, in addition to checking their Web site, can also contact Bruce at 946-8779.