



four Saturday mornings during each of the fall, spring, and summer semesters. The program is designed for neighborhood children in 1st through 5th grades, most of whom come from single parent, low-income households.

The DBU students who volunteer at Super Saturdays are primarily responsible for preparing a Bible story, songs, crafts, games,

Katie Hager, DBU sophomore, interacting with children on a Super Saturday at Brother Bill's.

DBU Students Serve on Super Saturdays

Brother Bill's Helping Hand has been serving the citizens of Dallas' 75212 zip code for over 70 years. The ministry has a legacy of helping people in an area where many live below the federal poverty level. In 2009 alone, Brother Bill's served nearly 4,000 people and 1,000 households.

Founded by a man with only a third grade education who simply wanted to provide hope to his neighbors, Brother Bill's Helping Hand (BBHH) provides food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, and medicine for the sick. Their doors are open to anyone who is in need, but the main thing they want to offer is the love of Christ.

Throughout Brother Bill's long-standing ministry in West Dallas, DBU has often partnered with the organization, lending their own helping hand to those in need. In the fall of 2008, DBU students

who had been volunteering with BBHH began developing a program that has turned into what is now known as Super Saturdays.

Formatted similar to Vacation Bible School or Backyard Bible Club, Super Saturdays is held

and healthy snacks for the children in attendance. The goal is to share the love of Christ with the children of Dallas by developing relationships with them and teaching them about Jesus. DBU students who volunteer during Super Saturdays, strive to provide a positive influence, encouragement, and teaching that will help the children develop spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

In the first year alone, DBU students were able to serve over 100 children, and due to the success of the program, the Super Saturdays program expanded to a second location in West Dallas—Voice of Hope Ministries. As Super Saturdays ministry has continued, many students who originally helped develop the program have returned to volunteer each semester, which allows the DBU students to form deeper



relationships with the children to whom they are ministering.

“It means a lot to the children to have people who are consistent in their lives,” expressed DBU alumna Jill Beard, who now works as the program coordinator at Brother Bill’s. “The children look for and ask about the DBU students to make sure they are coming back. Many of the children, who may have never heard His name otherwise, have been told about Jesus by the DBU students that work with them. This program is doing great work—planting seeds and praying that God will grow them.”

The focus of the Super Saturdays ministry is offering love and teaching to the children who may

DBU students—left to right: Cameron Hulcy (sophomore), Marty Garza (junior), and Joli Wright (senior) working with children at Brother Bill’s.



at Brother Bill's Helping Hand

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not experience them at home, but it has also changed the lives of many DBU students.

“The DBU student volunteers express their desire for these children to know Christ, and to thrive in every area of their lives,” continued Beard. “I think it has also made the DBU students appreciate their families more. It has shown them that many children, even though they live in America, have not heard the message of Christ.”