



## “Love Out Loud” Mission Has Successful Summer

This summer, the Holmes County Summer Youth Mission, which became known as “Love Out Loud”, logged quite a series of accomplishments. The Millersburg United Methodist Church group, was able to provide assistance to 18 residents. These residents were selected because they are elderly, physically impaired and low income. Here is a recap of what was accomplished:

48 youth attend the camp with Joe Edinger and Stacey Hypes serving as adult coordinators for the effort.  
18 residents (13 sites) were provided cleaning, home repairs, painting and/or yard care assistance  
25 adults provided support as crew leaders, cooks, custodial, overnight chaperones, program leaders and more

42 gallons of paint were used

1 roof was replaced

3 rooms were gutted and rebuilt

2 rooms needed new floors

1 window was covered from a home that had a missing window

1 home was completely re-wired

1 home was brought to code and had lights replaced in bathroom

1 teenaged boy was given a new bedroom following water damage from a blocked spouting

12 tons of trash was burned or hauled away

7 homes were power washed

6 porches were stained

1 mower was repaired and is already in use

4 outbuildings were repaired and stained or painted

200 feet of gutter guards were installed

80 feet of new gutter were installed

broken plumbing was replaced

1 garden was created and planted

Shrubs were torn out and replaced at 2 homes

1 duckling pond was built

countless wasps were removed

1 deck and set of stairs were water sealed

A variety of other small jobs were completed

and one dog was shaved!

The group raised and spent slightly over \$12,000 to cover all work materials, food, recreation, tool rentals, fuel, and program costs. This breaks down to \$250 per youth.



Next year, Love Out Loud is tentatively set for Sunday, June 27 - Wednesday, June 30th. The goal is to double the number of youth and to still try to do this for about \$100 a youth.

Further information is available at [www.mumcyouthgroup.com](http://www.mumcyouthgroup.com) . Joe Edinger and Stacey Hypes served as adult coordinators for the effort.