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Youth mission group builds wheelchair ramp for Anniston family

ANNISTON – An Anniston family benefited from the generosity and charitable work of a youth mission group last week.

A group led by TEAMeffort, a Georgia-based Christian organization, built a large wheelchair ramp for 7-year-old Chayton Holbert, who has a developmental coordination disorder and is non-verbal.

Staff from Children's Rehabilitation Service (CRS), where Chayton receives services, arranged for the group to build the ramp at the Holbert family home.

About 25 youth from Illinois participated in building the wooden ramp for three days from June 9 – 11. The job was part of a summer work mission that TEAMeffort offers for religious organizations throughout the country as a faith-building experience.

Local churches housed and fed the youth. The churches were First United Methodist of Anniston, Parker Memorial Baptist Church and Friendship United Methodist Church.

TEAMeffort will return to Anniston July 14 – July 17 to work at the homes of other CRS families.

"We're hoping to build on this," said Wanda Ross, CRS care coordination specialist and liaison to TEAMeffort. "We'd like them to come back next summer so they can do this for other CRS families."

Children's Rehabilitation Service is a division of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.