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Habitat family benefits from New Neighbors club Garden club comes together to landscape home



The Habitat for Humanity home of Shelika Poynter and her children received an exterior beautification by the New Neighbors Garden Club. In front is Chantelle Dodson, 7, and behind her is ShaBree Dodson, 12, and Shelika Poynter, their mother.

Garden club members in the back row are Evelyn Elliott, Maureen Napoli, Karen Suber, Mary Lou Gallagher and Patsy Bradbury. JEANNE REASONOVER / THE TENNESSEAN

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FRANKLIN — When neighbors came to help new Habitat for Humanity homeowner Shelika Poynter landscape her yard, they weren't just any neighbors.

New Neighbors Garden Club members and their families from throughout Williamson County gathered last week at the Helping Hand Drive home Poynter shares with her three children, Shabree, 12; Chantelle, 7; and Teandra, 1, to clear ground, dig clay soil and plant donated trees, shrubs and flowers.

In the fall, the club will return to plant more grass seed to finish the project.

Tractor Supply Co. CEO Joe Scarlett donated many gardening items including a lawn mower, hose and garden tools, and Periwinkle and Bloom donated flowers.

During the past year at Hillsboro Elementary School, the New Neighbors Garden Club has planted four fruit trees and with the children planted more than 50 plants secured from club members and donations from nurseries in a continuing beautification project as part of Keep Williamson Beautiful.

For its work, club President Patsy Bradbury recently received the Shining Apple Civic Award from the Williamson County Board of Education.

The club received first place out of five organizations nominated for volunteering in the community.

The club continued to support the school by helping the children plant seeds, which grew just in time to be wrapped and decorated for Mother's Day. •

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