

## Dollhouse Donation

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PatriotKatana Grennay, 12, a sixth-grader at Paragon Charter Academy, puts a coat of primer on the dollhouse she is helping to build.

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From their own original blueprints, students from Paragon Charter Academy in Summit Township are constructing a dollhouse for a charitable cause.

The dollhouse will be donated to AWARE Inc., which houses domestic-abuse victims and their children.

"Some kids don't have what we have," said sixth-grader Katana Grennay, 12. "I think it's good that we're making something to give them to play with and remember."



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students work on a dollhouse they will donate to AWARE Inc.

On Monday, Grennay and classmates Olivia Kraeuter and Megan Klintworth started to paint primer on the frame, which has six rooms, and is 3 1/2 feet tall, 3 feet wide and 1 1/2 feet deep.

Olivia said the students researched different shelters in the area and chose AWARE.

"We thought that it would be a good place to donate to," she said.

The students will also install wiring, lighting and carpeting in the dollhouse, and hope finish in about a month.

Sixth-grade teacher Zack Perfitt said the project allows the students to use skills they have learned in math, science, social studies and other core curriculum classes.

"We wanted to bring the students to think outside the box," said Perfitt, one of four teachers who came up with the project.

Lowe's in Blackman Township and Kitchen Supply Co. in Summit Township donated supplies, like wood and paint, while the students raised about \$250 for lighting, wiring and other accessories.

"They learned how far money does not go, so that was a real-life lesson," said Sue Delie, seventh- and eighth-grade science teacher at Paragon.

Sixth-grader Hunter Phillips, who was part of the construction team, said it was a challenge to draw the blueprints and make everything fit.

"It's working, not breaking, so that's a good start," he said.

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