

Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center September 1, 2022

It can be hard to keep up with maintaining a home when grow older, but the work still needs to get done, even if you can't do it yourself.

That was the dilemma facing Rich and Darlene, a retired couple living in St. Paul, just a few blocks from the Humphrey Job Corps Center.

"Rich is a veteran, is 78 years old, and still has to work as a truck driver to stay on top of the couple's medical bills," says John Kaiser, Humphrey painting instructor. "They had contracted with someone to paint their garage, but the person they hired took off with the money and didn't do the job. A neighbor called to see if there was anything we could do to help. And we were glad to be able to do what we could."

It didn't take long for Mr. Kaiser and his four students, Josh Thompson, Alecia Allen, Grand Sport, and Tha Si, to finish the job. A few hours after they started, the garage had a fresh coat of beige paint, with beautiful redwood trim. And the students had gained experience preparing a site to be painted and using a sprayer.

"It was a great project for us, and it always feels good to be able to give back to the community and be a good neighbor," Mr. Kaiser commented, as the team packed up to head back home.

