



Photo above (l-r): United Way Day of Caring and FedEx Cares Day Volunteer Coordinators Holly Swogger from Home Vestors, Cynthia Matthews, Carol Dubose and Marilyn Sartain from FedEx, and Tim Bolding from United Housing, receive stepping stones for thank you gifts made by SRVS individuals.

A torrential rain was no match for the ambitious volunteers who braved the weather for SRVS on two consecutive weekends for United Way of the Mid-South's Day of Caring and FedEx Cares Day. The group of volunteers from FedEx, United Housing, United Way, and Home Vestors, managed to plant trees, bushes and flowers, and build fences for three supported living homes acquired by SRVS before they ventured inside for drier working conditions. "Thank you all for your time and dedication to this project," said SRVS executive director Jeffrie Bruton. The foreclosed homes were purchased by SRVS through a \$1.1 million grant from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and Neighborhood Stabilization Program, a federally funded grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. Funds for this project will be used to acquire and rehab foreclosed properties for the use of long-term housing for qualified individuals. In addition to landscaping and fencing the properties, the volunteers removed carpeting in the homes and demolished doorways to create bigger ones in preparation for the new occupants who are in wheelchairs.