

## **Ferris State University Student Chapter ACCA and West Michigan ACCA**

Ferris State ACCA Student Chapter and West Michigan ACCA Participates in the National “Heat the Country” Program

**Big Rapids and Grand Rapids, MI** - The Ferris State Student Chapter of ACCA and West Michigan ACCA of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) completed their first Heat the Country program in October. They performed furnace clean-and-checks for a house of Safe Haven Ministries, and some of the houses for Westtown Jubilee Housing to improve the living conditions and provide safe, energy-efficient heating equipment for their residents. Heat the Country utilizes more than ACCA member volunteers from member companies to service, repair, and sometimes provide furnace replacement.

**Ferris State ACCA Student Chapter** members Chris Foupht, Scott Chvojka, and Greg Bassham, along with Jan Anderson of Ferris, and Phil Forner (the incoming national chairman for ACCA in 2007, and a Ferris graduate of our HVACR programs) were active in Heat the Country this last October. They chose to service non-profit organizations such as Westtown Jubilee Housing (Their mission is to stabilize their core city community one homesteader at a time and providing new beginnings.) and Safe Haven Ministries (Safe Haven Ministries currently provides shelter services for up to four women and eleven children at any given time). One furnace was condemned and Johnstone Supply donated the furnace and materials to replace it along with Allendale Heating donating the installation. The students participated in the clean-and-checks and filter replacement under the direct supervision of a licensed contractor. These students were excited about being able to contribute at this event. They commented on the great experience they had helping, and they’re looking forward to this event next year.

Ferris State University Student Chapter of ACCA and West Michigan ACCA are chapters of the national Air Conditioning Contractors of America. For over forty years, ACCA has served the nationwide educational, policy, and technical interests of the small businesses who design, install, and maintain indoor environmental systems. Deciding which company to call, choosing the right technician, and having confidence that your heating and cooling system will be correctly repaired the first time just got easier for more information, or to find an ACCA contractor member in your zip code area visit [www.acca.org](http://www.acca.org) website. or [miacca.org](http://miacca.org), or contact Jan Anderson at 231-856-0006.