



# City of Albany, NY Gang Prevention Program

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March 21, 2011

Steve Longo  
Albany Housing Authority  
200 South Pearl Street  
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Dear Steve,

The City of Albany, NY Gang Prevention Program was again chosen as a service site by the Xavier University of Cincinnati, Ohio's Alternative Breaks program. This one-week collaboration offers their students the chance to volunteer and assist a program of their choice, while gaining valuable life experience and providing community service.

The students were in Albany from March 5 to March 12, 2011, and engaged in a number of projects throughout the week. As you know, for the second year, the Albany Housing Authority graciously provided housing for the students at their 200 South Pearl St. site. The accommodations were once again excellent, very much appreciated and well received by the students. Your agency providing the kids with a meal on Thursday, March 10, was also a very kind gesture and the group was ecstatic.

I would like to thank you Steve, along with your assistant Chiquita D'Arbeau, who once again, went above and beyond her means, to provide hospitality and to meet any of our needs. Your agency is to be commended for your willingness to assist our city's Gang Prevention Program and for your professionalism in doing so.

I look forward to working with the Albany Housing Authority in the future and once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Ron "Cook" Barrett

Albany Gang Prevention Coordinator

Cc: Mayor Gerald D. Jennings  
Chiquita D'Arbeau  
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