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## Glenwood kids to get a hobbies workshop

Work is under way to bring a Santa's workshop of sorts to the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls campus in St. Charles.

This time, however, the "elves" will be the beneficiaries.



**Josh Stockinger**  
St. Charles

School supporters broke ground last week on a one-story addition to a maintenance building that will be known as "KidShop" and is set to open this fall.

Once complete, KidShop will be an area where students can do woodworking and other craft projects after school.

The hands-on program has been around for several years at the school's Glenwood, Ill., campus and earned high marks from students and teachers alike.

"It's something kids can do after school hours that reinforces the things they're doing in class," school spokeswoman Jeanine Holtsford said, adding that students in the program tend to enhance their math and communications skills.

"The kids work on their own projects at their own speed. Then, they see the finished product, and it's just phenomenal."

Glenwood is a nonprofit school, where disadvantaged children live and go to classes.

At the school's Glenwood campus, students have used the KidShop program to build everything from bird feeders to chairs and frames.

After much success there, officials rallied to bring the program to St. Charles.

Holtsford said a slew of charities and businesses from Kane County donated heavily to fund the project. Others donated tools and supplies to stock the building.

The school still is collecting saws, hammers, screwdrivers and other tools.

If you have something extra lying around the house or just want to donate, think about giving Glenwood a call at (847) 464-8241 or e-mailing Holtsford at [jholtsford@glenwoodschool.org](mailto:jholtsford@glenwoodschool.org).